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FAR EAST PROBLEM IN THE LIMELIGHT

CHIANG'S RESIGNATION & NEW JAPANESE CABINET

THEIR INFLUENCE ON

MANCHURIA PROBLEM AND QUESTION OF EXTRALITY WIDELY DISCUSSED.

Nanking, To-day.

The resignation of General Chiang Kai-shek is authoritatively confirmed.

An emergency meeting of Government and Party leaders has been convened for this morning at which Chiang Kai-shek will appear and various problems resulting from his resignation will be discussed.

An official statement is expected this afternoon.—Reuter.

Tokyo, To-day.

Mr. Yoshizawa has been instructed to return to Japan to assume the portfolio of Foreign Affairs.—Reuter.

Chiang Kai-shek's Resignation Rumours.

Shanghai, Yesterday.

All daylong rumours have been current that Marshal Chiang Kai-shek had resigned, but it was learned in Nanking late this evening from official sources that they were untrue. It is stated that while the Generalissimo is prepared to retire he will not do so until the Canton leaders arrive in the capital and take over the reins of Government.

He is of the opinion that mass movements in Nanking and elsewhere are not directed against any individual, but the Kuomintang as a whole. Therefore, he believes the leaders of the Kuomintang Party should co-operate closely to tide over the crisis.

Nevertheless, there are persistent rumours in Shanghai that the Marshal's resignation will be announced to-morrow.—Reuter.

All Eyes on Far East.

London, Yesterday.

Public attention, which became slightly relaxed with the termination of the League Council meeting in Paris has once again become sharply focused on the Far East with confirmation of the news of the resignation of General Chiang Kai-shek. Political observers here are anxiously speculating as to his successor, for it is realised that not only the pacific solution of the Manchurian problem, which has already been further complicated by the change of Japanese Government, may largely depend thereon, but it is also felt, in some circles, that questions of extraterritoriality might be rendered more difficult by a change of presidency at the present moment. Business men here also are naturally viewing the situation with the closest interest.

Japanese Allegations.

Geneva, Yesterday.

The hull in news from League circles has been broken with the issue by the League Secretary of a Japanese note alleging anti-Japanese propaganda by the Chinese Commissariat and Department of Public Instruction, also detailing bandit raids in Manchuria between November 11 and 20.—Reuter.

Mr. Yoshizawa Highly Satisfied.

Paris, Yesterday.

Mr. Yoshizawa interviewed to-day said he was very satisfied with the results of the League Council. The Manchuria problem was one of the most difficult for members of the Council to understand, but, during the last session in Paris, they had grasped its special nature in a remarkable manner.

No Fundamental Change.

Asked whether the change of Government in Tokyo would affect the League settlement, Mr. Yoshizawa said: "Not fundamentally. The Japanese

nation is unanimous on the Manchurian question which is regarded as a most important national question with which Japan is faced. The change of government will not alter the root question, though it might modify the leaves and branches."—Reuter.

Canadian Politician Blames League.

Montreal, Yesterday.

The Sino-Japanese dispute is not so much a problem of right against wrong as right against right, declared the ex-Minister in Washington, Mr. Vincent Massey, (Head of the Canadian Delegation to the recent Conference on Pacific relations), speaking at the Canadian Club. He said the League of Nations made a serious error in October in demanding withdrawal of Japanese troops by a given date, thus consolidating Japanese opinion behind the war party. This, probably, was responsible for the replacement of the late Japanese Government by one of less moderate policy.—Reuter.

Interesting Debate on Manchuria.

London, Yesterday.

Sino-Japanese viewpoints in connection with Manchuria were strikingly presented in the course of a debate held under the auspices of the Union of Democratic Control between Consul-General Kuang Son-yung and the Japanese Trade Union representative (Mr. Sohei Mogi). The former accused Japan of militaristic designs on China. He feared that Japanese political control of Manchuria would lead to control of the whole of the East. He asserted that Japan had disregarded the League of Nations

HONG KONG UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION RESULTS

The following is a provisional list of successful students in the examinations held recently by the Hong Kong University:—

Part I: Physics.
Kong Sau-yui, Koo Su-ngoh, A. T. Lee, G. A. V. Ribeiro, Miss Tsukasaki.

Part II: Inorganic Chemistry.
Kong Sau-yui, Koo Su-ngoh, Lim Yue-poh, Ong Tjong-yong, Ooi Kee-wan, L. A. Tjion, Yong Pung-fook.

Part III: Biology.
Koo Su-lai, Kong Sau-yui, Koo Su-ngoh, Ooi Kee-wan, L. A. Tjion, Woo Pak-foo.

The following have now completed the whole of the First Degree Examination:—

Kong Sau-yui, Koo Su-ngoh, L. A. Tjion, Woo Pak-foo, Tong Pung-fook.

Second Degree Examination.
Part I. (Organic Chemistry):—

Cheng See-yan, Cheong Gim-seung, E. L. Gosano, M. Itoh, Kan Lai-to, Lee Hua-ngok, Leung Tin-sun, A. J. Moonshi, Tee Eng-lai, Ten Ping-hui, Miss Tso Lai-kee, Wong Hung-tak, Yeung Tsaw-chee.

Part II. (Elementary Anatomy and Physiology):—Cheng See-yan, M. Itoh, Lee Hua-ngok, Leung Tin-sun, Miss Wong, Wu Hung-tak, Yeung Tsaw-chee.

The following have now completed the whole of the Second Degree Examination:—

Chu Su-yan, M. Itoh, Lee Hua-ngok, Yeung Tsaw-chee.

Third Degree Examination.
Senior Anatomy and Physiology:—

Chiu Put-po, Goh Teik-wah, Mahan Singh, Sung Sheung-hei, Wei Cheuk-shing.

Pharmacology:—Chan Woon-nui, Chiu Put-po, Goh Teik-wah, Lew Koon-shin, Mahan Singh, Wei Cheung-sheng.

The following have now completed the whole of the Third Degree Examination:—

Chan Woon-nui, Chiu Put-po, Goh Teik-wah, Lew Koon-shin, Mahan Singh, Wei Cheuk-shing.

Fourth Degree Examination.
Part I. (Pathology and Bacteriology):—Cheung Kung-leung, Kuo Shao-chon, Kuo Shao-hung, Lee Hah-long, Liu Yan-tak, Mak Kai-chum, Tan Hee-choo, Miss Lois Todd, Wong Wan-kwan, F. S. Fernando, Kuo Han-po, Kuo Keng-wah, Lam Shui-chum, Lee Shiu-kee, Lien Tsong-kyu, Lim Yuet-siew, Lim Poh-sim, Loh Seng-poh, Gerald Scully, Tsai Ai-lee, Yip Yuet-fong.

Part II. (Medical Jurisprudence and Public Health):—Cheng Kung-leung, Kuo Shao-chon, Kuo Shao-hung, Lee Hah-long, Liu Yan-tak, Mak Kai-chum, Tan Hee-choo, Miss Lois Todd, Wong Wan-kwan, Ip Ching-yu, Lam Shui-chum, Lee Shiu-kee, Lien Tsong-kyu, Lim Yuet-siew, Lim Kee-deh, Loh Seng-poh, G. Scully, Tsai Ai-lee, Tsau Wei-chian.

Part II. (Therapeutics and Pharmacy):—Cheung Kung-leung, Kuo

Shao-chon, Kuo Shao-hung, Lee Hah-long, Liu Yan-tak, Mak Kai-chum, Tan Hee-choo, Miss Lois Todd, Wong Wan-kwan.

The following have now completed the whole of the Fourth Degree Examination:—

Cheung Kung-leung, Kuo Shao-chon, Kuo Shao-hung, Lee Hah-long, Liu Yan-tak, Mak Kai-chum, Tan Hee-choo, Miss Lois Todd, Wong Wan-kwan.

FINAL

Part I. (Medicine):—Chan Shing-chiu, Miss Cheng Hung-yue, V. Enok, F. S. Fernando, Lien Tsong-kyu, Lim Poh-sim, Lim Kee-deh, Miss Hilda Yuen.

Part II. (Surgery):—Chan Shing-chiu, Miss Cheng Hung-yue, F. S. Fernando, Kuo Han-po, Kuo Keng-wah, Lim Kee-deh, Phoon Seck-qua, Teo Soon-wan, Wong Hoh-nu, Yeoh Guan-eng, Miss Hilda Yuen.

Part III. (Obstetrics and Gynaecology):—Chan Shing-chiu, Miss Cheng Hung-yue, Chan Wah, F. S. Fernando, Kuo Han-po, Lam Shui-chum, Lien Tsong-kyu, Lim Poh-sim, Lim Kee-deh, Teo Soon-wan, Tsai Ai-lee, Miss Hilda Yuen.

The following have now completed the Final Examination, M.B., B.S.:—

Chan Shing-chiu, Miss Cheng Hung-yue, V. Enok, F. S. Fernando, Ling Kee-deh, Phoon Seck-qua, Miss Hilda Yuen.

default undergo three months' imprisonment.

A serious fire occurred this morning at Kai Tak aerodrome. The office and two hangars were completely destroyed. No machines were damaged and no casualties are reported.

Political observers and business men at Home are closely watching developments in the Far East occasioned by rumours of Chiang Kai-shek's pending resignation and change of Japanese Government. It is felt the Manchuria and Extraterritoriality problems have been greatly complicated thereby.

The League Secretariat has issued the text of a Japan note accusing China of fostering anti-Japanese campaigns and encouraging bandit raids.

A debate on Manchuria between the Chinese Consul-General and a Japanese Trades Union representative was held in London yesterday under the auspices of the Union of Democratic Control. Chinese and Japanese viewpoints were strikingly presented.

A small fire occurred yesterday forenoon in a joss stick factory in

NEWS TABLOIDS.

Mr. Winston Churchill, who met with an accident in New York on Sunday, which turned out to be more serious for him than was at first imagined, is now reported to have made good recovery and complications, which were feared at one time, are thought unlikely.

Dr. Alfred Sze appears to have had a breakdown of health and has been admitted to a hospital.

Mr. Yoshizawa is very satisfied with the results of the League Council meetings. Referring to the change of Government in Japan, he expresses the opinion that it will not fundamentally affect the League's settlement.

U.S. Congress is expected, by a majority, to ratify the Hoover Moratorium scheme, at a later date. Non-payment of instalments due will not be subject to criticism.

At Basle, in the course of a meeting of the Young Plan's Committee, Mr. Stewart (U.S.) said it was wrong to be too pessimistic, because, after passing two extremes of prosperity and depression, a normal point would be reached.

A Marine Court of Inquiry was held to-day in connection with the grounding of the s.s. Planorbis on November 18, off Pearl Bank Light.

It was held that the grounding of the vessel was due to an error in judgment on the part of the Master due to under-estimation of distance from the light.

For failing to stop when called upon to do so by the police, the navigator of the motor boat Cheung Fat was, to-day, fined \$200, or in

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HOOVER MORATORIUM PLAN NOT YET RATIFIED

STERLING'S GOOD RECOVERY

DISCUSSIONS AT BASLE ON GERMANY'S FINANCIAL CONDITION.

French Government's Note to U.S.
Washington, Yesterday.

The French Government has informed the United States' Government that in pursuance of the Hoover moratorium it will not pay to-day 19,610,000 dollars which would otherwise be due under the Franco-American debt agreement.—Reuter.

Hoover Moratorium Scheme.
Rugby, Yesterday.

Although ratification of the Hoover Moratorium scheme by the United States' Congress will not be completed by to-morrow, which is the date on which half-yearly war debt payments have hitherto been made, Mr. Ogden Mills, Under-Secretary to the American Treasury, has announced that a majority for ratification at a later date is assured. Meanwhile, Mr. Mills adds, non-payment of instalments "Pending actions by Congress will not be subject to criticism."

It is possible the House of Representatives will complete its discussions of the Ratification Bill and take action by Saturday.

The British Government has not requested any assurance on the point, but, in the special circumstances, there is no question of Britain being considered in default.—British Wireless Service.

Sterling Up Again.

Rugby, Yesterday.

Sterling closed to-night at 3.43% dollars compared with 3.37% dollars at Saturday's close, and 3.25% a week ago.

The upward movement is largely attributable to the situation regarding war debts.—British Wireless Service.

Yuen Chow Street. The fire was put out by the Brigade in less than 20 minutes. Loss is estimated at about \$200.

On Sunday evening, at about 6.30

O'clock, Mr. D. G. Bruce, of the A.P.C., on the Tai Po Road, came to grief in a car he was driving. He was Kowloon bound, when, at the 9 1/2 mile stone, he was obliged to apply the brakes suddenly, with the result that his car skidded, smashed through the rails of a bridge, and finished up in a ditch. Fortunately no one was injured.

SERIOUS FIRE AT AERODROME

A serious fire broke out with appalling suddenness at Kai Tak aerodrome this morning, soon after 10 o'clock. The fire started on the roof of the Flight Office which, being a matchless, was soon enveloped in flames. The fire spread rapidly to two hangars, also matchless, used as repair sheds, which stand behind the office. It was only a matter of seconds before all three structures were blazing fiercely.

The attention of the aerodrome fire tender was directed to the sheds and to adjoining hangars which were also in danger of becoming involved.

Five aeroplanes, in various stages of being dismantled, were in the two blazing sheds, and, with the greatest of difficulty, were they got out. Fortunately the Kowloon Fire Brigades soon arrived on the scene and the flames confined chiefly to the three burning sheds.

The roof of the Transport shed, which was to windward of the blaze, also caught alight and suffered considerable damage, while another hangar, on the other side of the fire, was slightly damaged.

All the machines were brought out from the hangars, and placed on the landing ground, none being damaged.

The two hangars were completely gutted and collapsed, also the office.

No casualties were sustained, with the exception of one of the men who picked up a piece of metal, which was almost red hot. The cause of the fire, and the extent of the damage is unknown, but it is thought possible that the roof of the office was ignited by a spark which fell on it from a passing engine on the contractor's light railway that borders the aerodrome.

Fiduciary Issue.
Rugby, Yesterday.

The British Treasury announces that on the application of the Bank of England, a Treasury minute was signed to-day maintaining the amount of the fiduciary issue at the existing figure of £275,000,000 for a further period until January 31, next.—British Wireless Service.

Discussions at Basle.

The Consultative Committee of the Young Plan at Basle to-day considered the economic and financial situation of Germany in her relations with other countries. A statement regarding repercussions of reparations payments in causing intensification of German exports was submitted by Monsieur Collin. Mr. Stewart, United States, observed that the present crisis was as abnormal as the period of prosperity which preceded it, and said it was wrong to be too pessimistic, because, after passing two extremes of prosperity and depression, a normal point would be reached.

Last Week's Work.

The Committee, last week, completed the first stage of its work by the collection of material making a general picture of Germany's economic situation. It examined, in succession, her position as a debtor and a creditor regarding long and short-term investments, and inquired into her balance of trade, capital movements, budgetary position situation of the Reichsbank, and the incidence of these matters on the economic life of Germany.—British Wireless Service.

The life of a young Chinese was lost in dreadful circumstances, yesterday. In attempting to board the Tin Yat coming alongside Ping On Wharf, Chan Mau Kwan Ho (23), fell between the boat and the wharf, and was crushed to death.

The Royal Family will spend Christmas at Sandringham.

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Mr. Vincent Massey, the Canadian politician, accuses the League of Nations of having made a serious error in October in demanding the withdrawal of Japanese troops by a given date. It consolidated Japanese opinion behind the war party and, probably, was responsible for the resignation of the late Japanese Government.

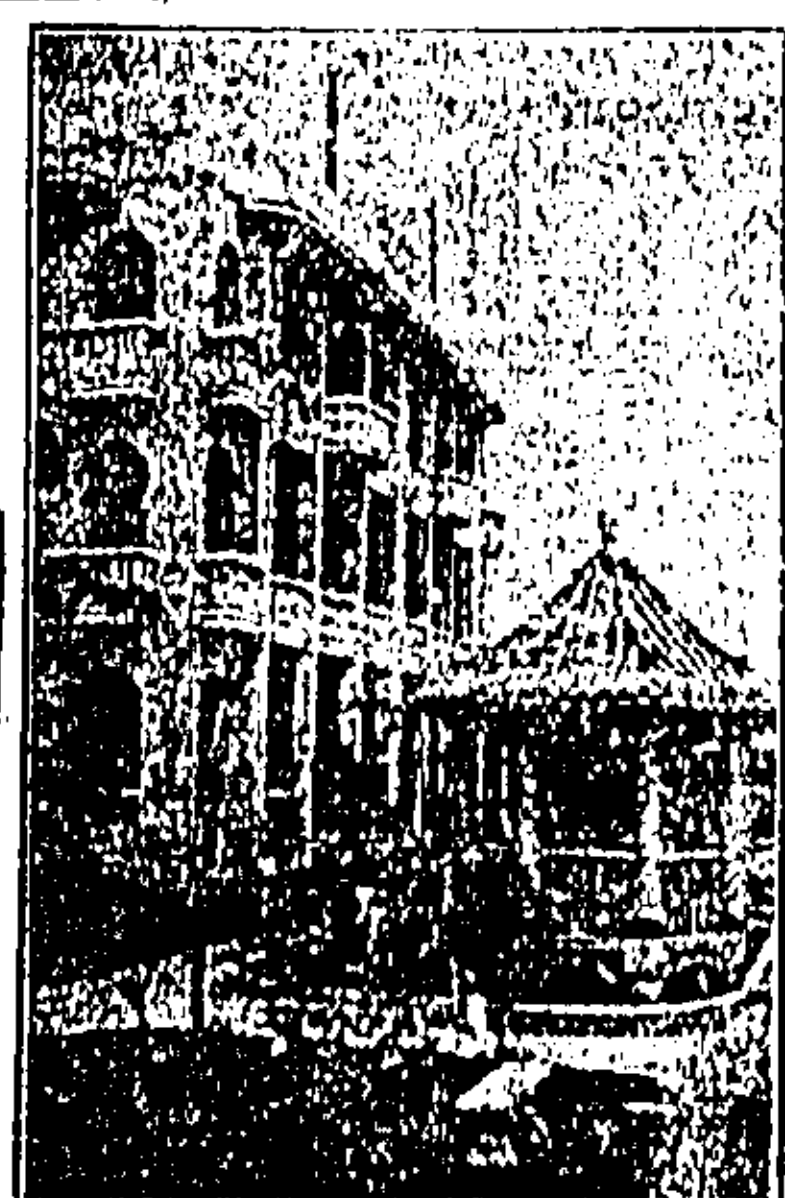
Kingsford Smith, with the Australian Christmas mail, is expected at Croydon to-day.

Hopes are expressed that work on the giant Canard may be resumed within a few months. Meanwhile, a staff of 100 has been retained to look after the hull.

France, under the Hoover Moratorium, has informed the U.S. that she will not pay the instalment due now under the Franco-American debt agreement.

Shanghai believes Marshal Chiang Kai-shek's resignation will be announced to-day, although Nanking official sources deny that such will be the case.

The fiduciary issue of the Bank of England is to be maintained until January 31, 1932, at £275,000,000.



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Reviews from Official Sources.

"EAST LYNNE."

That "East Lynne" should emerge
from the Hollywood studios in the
holiday attire that it is presented at
the King's Theatre is something to
the credit of Fox Films which
movietonised this drama for certain-
ly the audible screen has given
theatregoers here something about
which they will talk for many days
to come.

What "East Lynne" represents in
investment of dollars and cents to
the producers doesn't matter, for
the completed product is represen-
tative of the screen's finest achieve-
ment. In fact, Frank Lloyd, the
director, who did so nobly with this
production, will establish new high
marks for patronage at the King's
Theatre. No talking picture was
more carefully produced nor more
entertaining.

Frank Lloyd, who has been
honourably mentioned for directorial
prizes in years gone by, has turned
out his masterpiece in "East Lynne,"
making the most of the
script written by Bradley King and
Tom Barry. The settings by
Joseph Urban are luxurious and
possess appropriate appointments
in keeping with the period of the
story.

"MANSLAUGHTER."

Hollywood Police are still in
ignorance of a motor crash which
happened on one of its main boule-
vards recently. No report was ever
made of the accident in which a
speeding motor cycle hurtled into
a skidding motor car.

This particular accident was
planned, rehearsed up to the point
of the actual crash, and then car-
ried out for a scene in Paramount's
new melodrama, "Manslaughter,"
now the Central Theatre feature.

Pursued by a motor cycle, the car
hummed down the straightway at a
fast pace. There was a screech of
brakes, and the car skidded around
the curve, swinging outside across
the road. A second later the
motor cycle crashed full into it.
But a battered car and a de-
molished motor cycle were the only
casualties.

"THE GREAT LOVER."

"The Great Lover," which is at
the Queen's Theatre with Adolphe
Menjou in the featured role, con-
tains one comedy scene for which
the film's director, Harry Beau-
mont, is unable to take credit.

The particular scene called for
Ernest Torrence as Menjou's valet
to carry a parrot throughout cer-
tain actions.

The minute the cameras started
to turn, the parrot abstracted the
pearl off the tuxedo shirt which
Torrence was wearing, and rolled
it around in his beak for the re-
mainder of the scene.

At the conclusion of the scene the
pearl was rescued and the parrot
was given an extra ration of sun-
flower seed for his unexpected con-
tribution of impromptu comedy.

Irene Dunne, who recently scored
in "Cimarron," plays opposite Men-
jou.

"DADDY LONG LEGS."

Finding orphans who really look-
ed like orphans proved a very dif-
ficult job for Director Alfred San-
tell as he started the filming of
"Daddy Long Legs," the Fox
romance, starring Janet Gaynor and
Warner Baxter, which opens its
local engagement soon at the King's
Theatre.

The opening scenes of this photo-
play, which is the screen version of
Jean Webster's famous and be-
loved story and stage production,
shows Janet Gaynor as a waif in
the "John Grier Home," ministering
to the needs of forty children rang-
ing from the age of six months to
ten years. The paramount requi-
site for these kiddies were that they
should appear anaemic and
undernourished, but most of the
children available through the
official casting offices were far too
healthy looking and well fed to be
realistic.

In this dilemma, Santell sent out
a general call, and for more
than a week he and his two assis-
tants interviewed all possible can-
didates before the necessary num-
ber of orphan-like youngsters could
be secured.

The cast, which supports Miss
Gaynor and Mr. Baxter is one of
unusual talent, and includes such
luminaries as Una Merkel and John
Arlidge.

"SEE AFRICA."

Paul L. Hoefer, noted explorer
representing the Colorado-African
Expedition, hunted the lion with
camera and microphone in the ju-
ngle regions of Tanganyika, Africa,
making an unsurpassed pictorial
record of the daily habits of the
king of beasts in its native haunts.

These supply one of the interest-
ing features of "Africa Speaks," re-
leased by Columbia Pictures. It is
scheduled for the Central Theatre
to-morrow.

The carnivorous cats prowled the
plains of Tanganyika looking for
prey and are a continual menace to
the members of the Masai tribes
of the district. The courageous-
ness of the tribes is demonstrated
by the fact that they appoint a toto
(youth), armed only with a short
spear, to guard the livestock of the
clan from the marauding lions.

"TIGER ROSE."

Many sequences of "Tiger Rose,"
the Warner Bros. and Vitaphone
production which comes to the
Queen's Theatre on Thursday, are
marked by their dramatic silences.

The picture was filmed for the
most part out of doors in the deep
pine woods near Yosemite, and
against the magnificent lakes and
vistas and rushing streams of Ar-
rowhead and the High Sierras.

Monte Blue and Lupe Velez are
co-starred.

"Tiger Rose" is a screen adapta-
tion of Willard Mack's famous play.
H. B. Warner, Bull Montana, Gas-
ton Glass and Rin-Tin-Tin are also
cast in this picture.

"THE GHOST TRAIN."

An exceptionally thrilling rail-
road drama is to be presented at
the Queen's Theatre next Sunday.
Arnold Ridley's dramatic stage
success, "The Ghost Train," is
well known to theatre patrons, and
a year or two ago the silent film
of the subject achieved great suc-
cess.

The producers claim that "The
Ghost Train" is the finest railway
drama ever produced.

RADIO

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following programme will
be broadcast to-day from the Hong
Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W.
on a wavelength of 355 metres:

5-8 p.m.—European Programme
of Victor & H.M.V. Records.
5-5.42 p.m.—Variety.

Song—
Cryin' for the Carolines,
A Cottage for Sale,
Gracie Fields (B3463).

Accordion Solo—
For Me and My Girl,
Tres Jolie J. Fiers (V-74).

Song—
Sweetheart of All My Dreams,
All by Yourself in the Moonlight,
Johnny Marvin (21851).

Orchestral—
All Thro' the Night I Think of You,
For You Alone,
De Groot & the Piccadilly
Orchestra (B2767).

Humorous Song—
Does my Sweetie Care for Me?
Don't Criticise,
Leslie Sarony (B2351).

5.42-6.35 p.m.—A Concert.

Piano Solo—
Murmuring Zephyrs
(Jensen-Niemann),
Spring Song (Mendelssohn),
Rudolph Ganz (15968).

Song—
Bird of Love Divine (Haydn Wood),
Valley of Laughter (Sandersen),
Mavis Bennett (Soprano)
(B2572).

Guitar Solo—
Fandangulillo (Torroba),
Preludio (Torroba),
Andres Segovia (1487).

Choral—
Prelude Song (Gibbs),
The Campbells are Comin'
(arr. Mansfield),
Glasgow Orpheus Choir
(B3109).

Organ Solo—
At Dawning (Cadman),
Shepherd's Lullaby (Hewitt),
F. Rowland-Tims, F.R.C.O.
(B3021).

Violin Solo—
La Precieuse (Couperin-Kreisler),
Chanson Louis XIII. et Pavanne
(Couperin-Kreisler),
Fritz Kreisler (1503).

Song—
Thy Beaming Eyes
(Gardner-MacDowell),
Lawrence Tibbett, Baritone
(1172).

Piano Solo—
Fandanguillo (Debussy),
Alt-Wien (Old Vienna) (Godowsky),
Isabelle Yakovsky (4115).

6.35-7.22 p.m.—A Selection of
Ethelbert Nevin's Music played by
the Victor Salon Orchestra and
Group.

A Day in Venice—
(a) Dawn,
(b) Gondoliers,
(c) Venetian Love Song,
(d) Good-Night (9478).

(a) A Shepherd's Tale
(from "In Arcady"),
(b) Lullaby (from "In Arcady"),
(c) Narcissus (from "Water Scenes"),
(d) Country Dance (9479).

(a) My Desire
(from "Songs from Vineyard"),
(b) Mighty Lak' a Rose,
(c) At Twilight,
(d) Oh That We Two Were Maying
(from "Sketch Book") (9480).

(a) Little Boy Blue,
(b) The Night Has a Thousand Eyes
(from "Sketch Book"),
(c) The Woodpecker,
(d) In Winter I Get Up at Night
(from "Sketch Book"),
(e) Every Night,
(f) Beat Upon Mine, Little Heart,
(g) A Life Lesson (9481).

The Rosary—
(a) Barchetta
(from "May in Tuscany"),
(b) Serenade

SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ADVERTISED IN CHINA MAIL.

Social Functions.

To-morrow—Tea Dance at King's
Restaurant; Dinner Dances at Re-
pulse Bay and Peninsula Hotels.

To-day—Tea Dance at Hong
Kong Hotel; Dinner Dances at
Hong Kong and Peninsula Hotels.

Friday—Hong Kong Auto-
mobile Association Dinner Dance,
Peninsula Hotel.

January 6—St. George's Society's
Dance, Peninsula Hotel.

Entertainments.

To-morrow—"Miss Hook of Hol-
land," Theatre Royal, 4.30 p.m.

To-day—King's Theatre;
"East Lynne."

To-day—Queen's Theatre;
"The Great Lover."

To-day—Central Theatre;
"Manslaughter."

To-day—Majestic Theatre;
"Ladies' Man."

To-day—Star Theatre;
"Rough Romance."

Thursday—At Helena May In-
stitute, song recital by Miss I. H.
Chamberlain, 5.30 p.m.

Home Malls.

To-day—Outward for Europe
via Siberia (Cracovia), 4.30 p.m.

LONDON BRIDGES.

(Continued from Page 2.)

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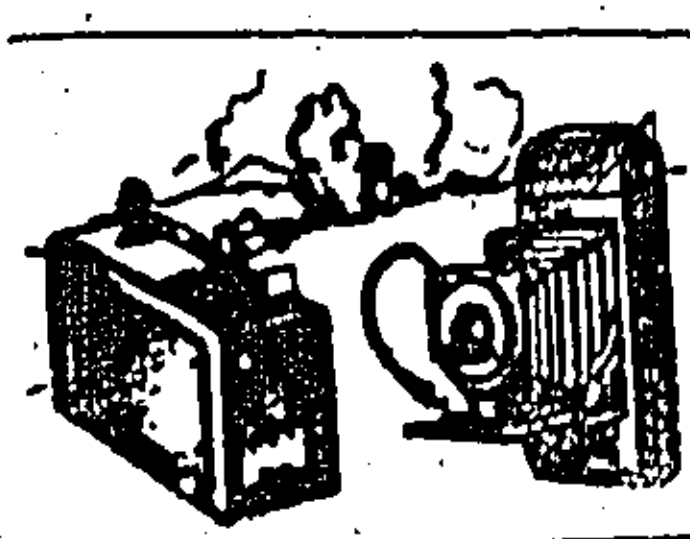
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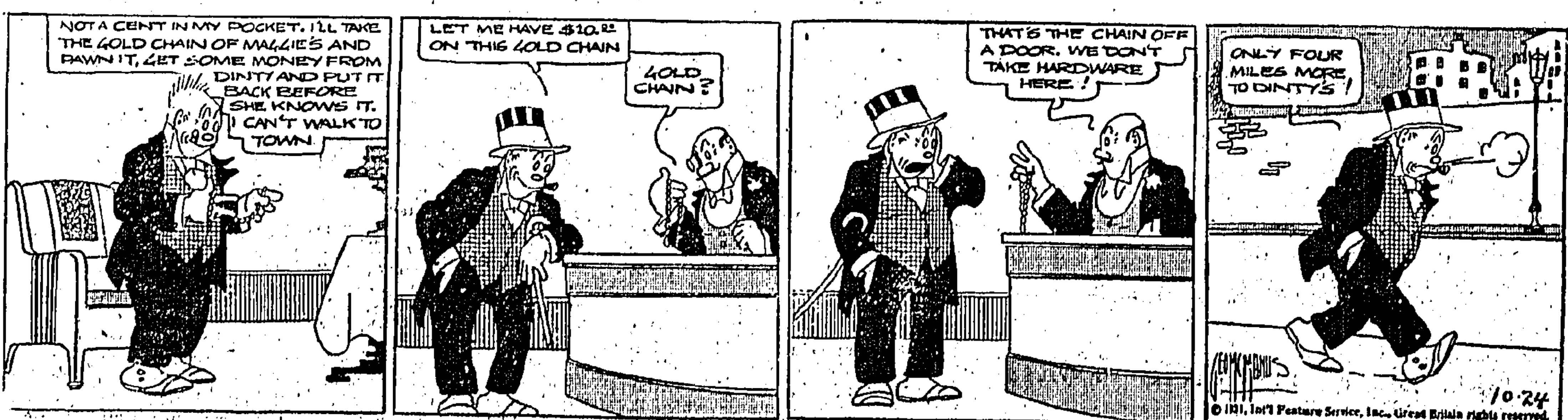
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CURRENT SPORTING GOSSIP

H.K. HOCKEY CLUB SECONDS DRAW.

Y.M.C.A. Lose Their Grip on the Game.

L. D. KILBEE OUTSTANDING.

At King's Park yesterday the Hong Kong Hockey Club second eleven drew with the Y.M.C.A., both sides scoring twice.

The Y.M.C.A. commenced the game with a series of sharp raids and were two goals to the good in the opening ten minutes. Parker and Burnett having scored. They held their lead up to the interval, but afterwards fell away and allowed the Club to reduce the arrears and to equalise, Kilbee being the marksman on both occasions.

For the Club, Kilbee was outstanding and, showing a fine turn of speed and perfect ball control, was ever a source of danger to the "Y" defence. Both his goals were real rasps and deserving of points. Wade was dangerous at centre forward though he received no real opportunity to score. Fox lent Kilbee every support and the Club right wing was the best wing on the field. Tetley was very clever with his stick work and sent Fincher away several times to prove dangerous with well-placed centres.

The Y.M.C.A. forwards combined well and had a good leader in Selk, though he was too closely marked to be really dangerous. Nicholson kept a watchful eye on him throughout the game. Price played well on the wing but several first time centres from him went a-begging. Tate and Tippet played well in defence and were responsible for relieving their lines when under heavy pressure on several prominent occasions.

H.K. Club II. 2

Y.M.C.A. 2

Club II.—R. W. Sapsed; L. A. R. Duncan, L. F. Nicholson; G. F. Rees, E. G. Dale, A. R. R. Botelho; E. C. Fincher, J. L. Tetley, R. H. D. Wade, S. J. H. Fox, and L. D. Kilbee.

Y.M.C.A.—L. D. Skinner; A. Tate, L. W. Tippet; F. Allen, D. McLellan, F. S. W. Smith; J. J. Ferguson, G. C. Burnett, F. Selk, F. Parker, and T. J. Price.

Team Against Rereale.

The following will represent the Y.M.C.A. first eleven against the Club de Recreo to-day at 5.15 p.m.—L. D. Skinner; A. Tate, E. O. Murphy; F. Allen, D. McLellan, F. S. W. Smith; J. J. Ferguson, G. C. Burnett, F. Selk, W. J. Brown and T. J. Price.

RADIO DEFEATED BY ST. ANDREW'S.

Mackay Scores Twice at Caroline Hill.

LOSERS' SIX RESERVES.

A solid defence was mainly responsible for the two clear goals' victory that St. Andrew's Club gained over the Radio Sports Club at Caroline Hill yesterday afternoon. Both goals were scored in the second half. The frequency of infringements of the rules by wild hitting spoiled an otherwise, fast game. The Radio fielded six reserves.

From the commencement the Radio were early pressing, but F. Wong and White cleared well. Occasional raids by the Saints forwards proved fruitless. Pretty forward passing by the Radio was repulsed by J. W. Baldwin, who played a good game at left-half back, and Hamson. A ding-dong struggle ensued until the interval, both goalkeepers having very little to do.

In the second half, the Saints opened with a strong attack and half way through this half Mackay, accepting a pass from R. Baldwin in midfield, broke through the Radio's defence, to score with a well-timed shot from the right. Shortly after another raid saw Woolley shoot wide, and in a third concentrated rush R. Baldwin had hard luck with a shot that went just wide. Undaunted, the Radio made a spirited attack, and from the right, Attar Singh sent in a stinger, which R. Wong just managed to deflect with his foot to concede a corner. From

BIRMINGHAM HAS THE LUCK.

Cup Holders Entertain Aston Villa.

CORINTHIANS UNFORTUNATE.

The draw for the Third Round of the F. A. Cup has provided some most interesting matches. The Cup holders, West Bromwich Albion, have been drawn at home against their local rivals, Aston Villa. The Throstles' enclosures should be packed to overflowing for this is by far the most important game on the programme. Both teams are playing great football at the moment and are highly placed in the League table.

Birmingham, the third Midland Power, entertain Bradford City, and last year's finalists should be able to proceed into the next round. The city of Birmingham has certainly been given a square deal as regards interesting matches.

Of the London teams the Arsenal have been favoured most by the draw. The Spurs are at home to the Wednesday and will have to fight desperately hard if they are to live another round. West Ham visit Charlton and provide London with a one-sided "derby" encounter. Queen's Park entertain Leeds and will probably relieve the metropolis of another representative in the quest for the Cup. Chelsea travel for afield when they meet Tranmere Rovers but they should at least draw before piling on the agony at Stamford Bridge. Millwall are at home to Manchester City and should be able to force a draw at least as the Lions are our Cup fighters.

The Corinthians, the famous amateur club, have not been treated too kindly. In playing Sheffield United they are up against a team with a great Cup history and it will indeed come as a surprise if the amateurs emerge successful.

London, Yesterday:

The following is the draw for the Third Round of the F. A. Cup to be played on January 9:—
Brighton v. Port Vale
Sunderland v. Southampton
Barnsley v. Southport
Tottenham v. Wednesday
Plymouth v. Manchester U.
Grimsby v. Exeter
Chesterfield v. Notts Forest
Halifax v. Bournemouth
Aston v. Darwen
Bradford v. Cardiff
Lincoln v. Wolves
Luton v. Huddersfield
Oldham v. Newcastle
Blackpool v. Northampton
Darlington v. Northampton

Crook Town v. Leicester
Preston v. Bolton
West Brom. v. Aston Villa
Brentford v. Bath
Bury v. Swansea
Sheffield U. v. Corinthians
Middlesbrough v. Portsmouth
Notts C. v. Bristol C.
Charlton v. West Ham
Burton Town v. Blackburn
Queen's P.R. v. Leeds
Birmingham v. Bradford C.
Stoke v. Hull
Tranmere v. Chelsea
Burnley v. Derby
Watford v. Fulham or Yeovil

Millwall v. Manchester C.
Everton v. Liverpool

—Reuter.

The resultant hit the Saints broke away, and Mackay, taking a neat pass from Carroll, came close in. Jagged Singh rushed out; and in the scrimmage which ensued Mackay sent the ball into the net.

Result—
St. Andrew's 2
Radio S. C. 0

St. Andrew's Club:—R. H. Wing; E. H. P. White, F. V. Wong; H. Landolt, A. B. Hamson, J. W. Baldwin; R. Baldwin, R. H. A. Woolley, N. A. E. Mackay, R. A. Carroll, and J. Miller.

Radio S.C.:—Jagad Singh; P. Singh, M. Singh, S. Singh, A. Singh, M. Singh, Attar Singh, H. Singh, A. E. P. Guest, K. Singh, and F. A. Kemp.

For the winners, F. Wong and White were reliable backs, whilst the half-backs supported their forwards well. J. W. Baldwin's tackling was good. Of the forwards, Miller, on the left wing, was convincing, but was a little late in his passing.

MIXED DOUBLES AT KOWLOON C.C.

E. C. Fincher & Partner Record Easy Win.

CLOSE TEAM-WORK.

Another most enjoyable Lawn Tennis Mixed Doubles American Tournament was held at the Kowloon Cricket Club on Sunday. Though the weather was decidedly cool some bright tennis was witnessed during the afternoon. Sixteen couples took part, the "B" team winning by the narrow margin of three games.

Full results were as follow:—

"T" Team.

J. Macfarlane and Mrs. Macfarlane 32-24.

Mr. and Mrs. Hambly 27-22.

J. Frazer and Mrs. Ferguson 25-31.

A. G. Howe and Miss Puchon 24-32.

L. Goldman and Miss Laing 28-21.

Mr. and Mrs. Crabbe 28-23.

Mr. and Mrs. Annis 21-28.

G. A. White and Miss Woolley 30-25.

"A" Team.

E. C. Fincher and Miss O. Dalziel 43-13.

D. S. Green and Miss S. Dalziel 29-20.

W. W. Hirst and Mrs. Frazer 21-35.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack 25-31.

R. S. V. Capell and Miss Kacker 26-30.

G. C. Burnett and Miss Fowler 21-28.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarke 23-26.

C. J. Tachi and Mrs. Blandford 20-29.

OPEN MIXED DOUBLES TOURNAMENT.

First Round Results.

The first round of the Open Mixed Doubles Tournament, organised by the Chinese Recreation Club, has been concluded with the exception of one match, that between H. D. Rumjahn and Miss R. Rumjahn and H. J. Armstrong and Mrs. H. P. Kearny.

The results to hand are: M. K. Lo and Mrs. James, beat M. Waring and Miss Pullum 6-1, 10-8; E. C. Fincher and Miss O. Dalziel beat F. Grosse and Miss R. Perry 7-5, 6-4; M. W. Lo and Miss Enid Lo received a walk over from Mr. and Mrs. K. L. Ho; Yew Man-kit and Miss G. Lo beat R. G. Mills and Miss L. Hutchinson; P. R. S. Walsham and Mrs. Stafford Smith beat Lieut. J. H. G. Black and Miss R. Hancock, 4-6, 6-1, 6-2.

The second round is due to be played off on or before next Thursday, while the semi-final will be played on Saturday and the final on Sunday on the Chinese R.C. ground.

LADIES' YACHTING RESULTS.

Siskin and Speedwell.

The first championship race for ladies, postponed from November 9, was sailed at the R.H.K.Y.C. yesterday, resulting as follows:—
Course:—Channel Rocks (P), Kowloon Rock (P), Channel Rocks (S), Cust Rock Mark Boat (P). Distance: 6.2 miles.

"H" Class.

(Started at 3 p.m.)

	Total Pts.
Rolla (Mrs. Sheldon)	2 20
Siskin (Miss Mackie)	1 43
Diana (Mrs. Bingham)	3 24
Argulla II. (Mrs. Pearce)	4 25
Dorothea (Miss Blake)	5 22
Colleen (Miss Lazenby)	6 21

"P", "Y" & "G" Class.

(Started at 3.05 p.m.)

	Total Pts.
Daphne (Miss Stoke)	3 03
Alisa (Mrs. Lambert)	5 05
Why Wonder? (Mrs. Fowkes)	8 45
Bluejacket (Mrs. Adams)	4 42
Boojum (Mrs. Pickering)	2 64
Speedwell (Mrs. Stewart)	1 03
Wendy (Miss Patchett)	7 59
Eunice (Mrs. C. Rose)	6 54

Woolley and R. Baldwin worked well on the right.

Of the Radio forwards, Guest, at centre-forward, was prominent, whilst Kemp did fine work on the left wing. A Singh was the pick of the half-back line, whilst M. Singh was the most reliable back.

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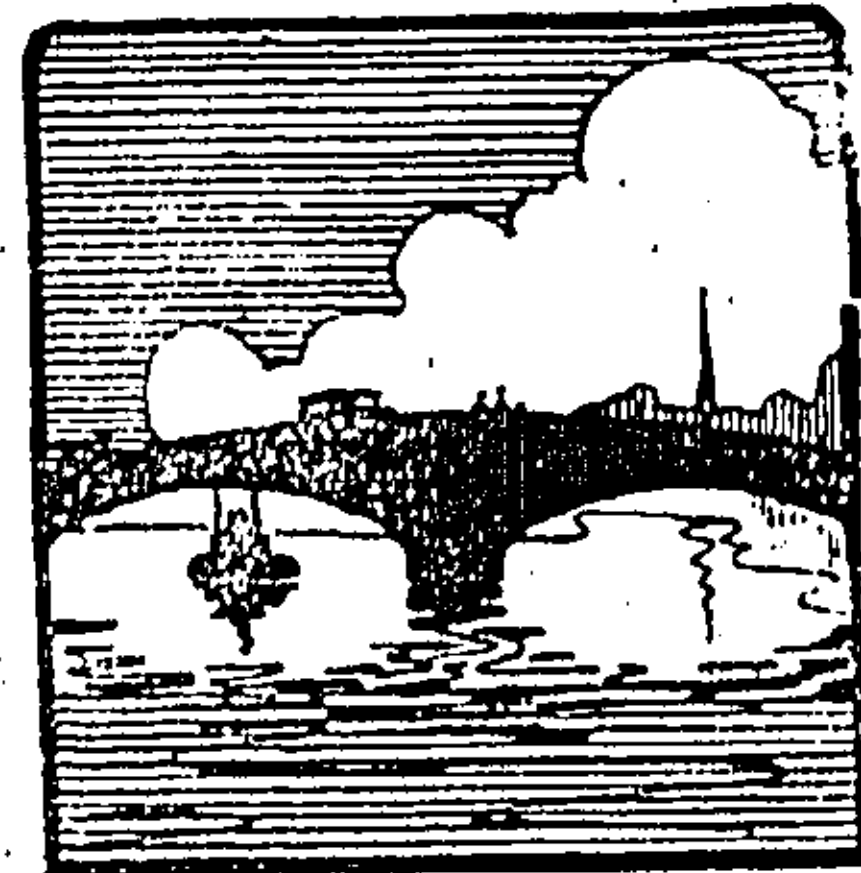
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NEXT SUNDAY AT KWANTUNG

Weights for the Christmas Meeting.

THE CANBERRA HANDICAP.

The following is a list of weights for the Christmas Meeting:

The Canberra Handicap. A Steeplechase of 1 1/4 mile. For Australian ponies, Top weight not to exceed 170 lb. bottom weight not to be less than 150 lb. Winner: A Cup; 2nd prize \$75; 3rd prize \$50.

Caulfield 150
Fritz 165
Rosedrop 165
The Buxard 165
Thunderclap 165
Wattle 162
The "Volunteers" Cup (Unofficial).

A Hurdle Race of 1 1/4 mile. For China ponies certified by the O. C. Machine Gun Troop, H.K.V.D.C. as "Regular" Troop ponies. Winners in 1931 of any race (including unofficial races) barred. To be ridden by members of the troop. Weight 168 lb. Winner: A Cup; 2nd prize and 3rd prize, souvenirs.

Demurrer 168
Fox Trot 168
Inshallah 168
Loch Sloy 168
Mountain Rat 168
Pin 168
Pink Pearl 168
The Stumour 168
Wainleale 168
White Stars 168

St. Nicholas Handicap. A Hurdle Race of 1 1/4 mile. For China ponies. Winner: A Cup; 2nd prize \$75; 3rd prize \$50.

Christmas Belle 163
Christmas Frolic 170
Diana 140
Donnabella 161
Duke of Normandy II 140
Montana 170

Picnilli 158
Roostan 170
The Gomeril 160
The Wind 161
Tom 168
White Heather 167
Young Pretender 155

The Christmas Steeplechase. A handicap of 1 1/4 mile. For China ponies. Ponies classified by the Hong Kong Jockey Club as "A" and "B" Classes barred. Top weight not to exceed 170 lb. Bottom weight not to be less than 150 lb. Winner: A Cup; 2nd prize \$75; 3rd prize \$50.

As You Like It 150
Blotting Paper 150
Bronze Eyes 161
Christmas Belle 163
Duke of Milan 150
Fanning Stag 150
Joseph 164
Kirkibillia 150
Mongolian Stag 150
Montana 170

Movanagher 150
Patch 161
The Partridge 155
The Wind 161
White Heather 167
Sha Tau Kok Handicap

Steeplechase. 1 1/4 mile. For China ponies. Top weight not to exceed 170 lb. Bottom weight not to be less than 145 lb. Winner: A Cup; 2nd prize, \$75; 3rd prize \$50.

As You Like It 145
Christmas Frolic 170
Donnabella 161
Marquis Hall 150
Movanagher 145
Patch 161
Roostan 170
Royal Flush 170
Tom 158
White Slave 158

The Kwangsi Handicap. A flat race of 1 mile. For China ponies classified by the Hong Kong Jockey Club as "D1" and "D2" Classes. To be ridden by jockeys who have not won 5 flat races anywhere at any time. Winner: \$200; 2nd prize, \$125; 3rd prize, \$75.

Bay of Bellingham II 155
Celerity 146
Choctaw II 150
Bronze Eyes 160
Country Club 142
Discord 155
Glorious Stag 155
Groombridge 140
Helltrope Leaf 150
Kirkibillia 140
Mascot 140
Movanagher 152
Noukhail 152
Pagoda 152
Serapit 159
Sonny Boy 153
Sunning 158
Sephry 140

The Kwangtung Handicap. A flat race of 3/4 mile. For China ponies classified by the Hong Kong Jockey Club as "C1" and "C2" Classes. Winner: \$200; 2nd prize, \$125; 3rd prize, \$75.

Blue Boy 143
Blue Heaven 150
Bridge Hall 158
Britannic Hall 165
Brunswick Hall 147
Cloudy Eve 155
Cream Cracker 140
Dinna 140
Duke of Milan 140
Edenbridge 140
Fifty Fifty 165
Fritillery 149
Gray Dawn 149
Iron Bloon 146
Mongolian Stag 145
Pacemaker 140
Shanghai Beau 140
The Partridge 149
The Quail 147
The Wind 165
Thunderous Stag 150
Tenbridge 155

ANOTHER ATTEMPT ON PHAR LAP.

Threats to Injure the Wonder Horse.

THE AUSTRALIAN TURF.

Melbourne, Nov. 4.

The owners of Phar Lap, Messrs. D. J. Davis and H. R. Telford, were informed at Moonee Valley races on Saturday that another attempt was likely to be made to injure the champion racehorse.

It was stated that the same persons who attempted to shoot Phar Lap when he was returning from Caulfield racecourse one morning shortly before the Melbourne Cup last year would try again to prevent him from taking his place in the field for the Melbourne Cup this year.

Phar Lap has "paralysed" pre-post wagering. Telford, who is the trainer, was very perturbed at the story, and he will take every precaution to guard his valuable charge. Telford and Mr. Davis believe that the information came from a most reliable source.

After the attempt was made to interfere with Phar Lap last year, he was removed secretly by motor boat to St. Albans stud farm, near Geelong, and was brought from

WOMEN IN FIERCE BASKETBALL.

Taken to Hospital in Australia.

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

Melbourne, Nov. 8.

Bumps, kicks, dives, and all the features of a fierce Rugby football scrum were seen in a recent basketball match between women's teams representing South Australia and Victoria. So hotly did the fight rage that at the end of the game four of the Victorian team had to be treated for injuries at the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital. Sprains, strained backs, and bruises were numerous, but the players seemed to care no more than the "barrack-crash" who crowded round the touch-line and freely offered comment. The game was a replay to decide the championship State, South Australia having previously won by a single goal. In the second match the South Australians established their claim to the championship by 26 goals to 22.

there to Flemington on Cup day, being escorted to the course by police motor cyclists. Phar Lap is heavily insured.

TILDEN HAS NARROW ESCAPE.

Young German Player Proves Obstinate.

CONTINENTAL TOUR.

Tilden nearly received his first defeat in his Continental tour in Hamburg, when the young German professional Nusslein, who recently won the German championship from Martin Plaa, took him to five sets. After being two sets all, Tilden won the final set at 8-6, the scores being 3-0, 6-3, 6-3, 2-6, 8-6.

Other results were: F. T. Hunter beat Najuch, 6-4, 9-7, 6-2; Karel Kozeluh beat Albert Burke, 6-4, 10-8; Tilden and Hunter beat Najuch and Nusslein, 6-2, 9-7, 8-6, 6-4.

BOURNEMOUTH DEFEATED.

Home Victory for Thames.

London, Yesterday. In the Third Division (Southern Section) Thames defeated Bournemouth at home by 4 goals to 2—Reuter.

"NEVER BEEN ON THE FLOOR ONCE."

Boy Boxer's 60 Fights.

RUNS IN THE FAMILY.

London, Nov. 12.

Leo Phillips, a boy boxer, is in the limelight.

At 24 hours' notice he stepped into the ring at the Royal Albert Hall, London, last night, against Fred Webster, the one-time lightweight champion of Great Britain and although beaten on points, his

SECRET OF LORD MAYOR'S SHOES.

Wouldn't Change Them for Worlds.

26 YEARS OLD.

The Lord Mayor of London is going out to a social function wearing his oldest shoes, says an Evening Standard representative. They are 26 years old—but Sir Pheneas Neal is as proud of them as of anything else in his wardrobe. They still fit perfectly, and the Lord Mayor hopes that they will still last him a long time.

He revealed the secret of these old shoes at a footwear exhibition in London. The Lady Mayoress talking about the Lord Mayor's shoes said her husband would not replace them for worlds.

"They are not evening shoes of the ordinary kind," said Lady Neal. "I mean, they are not slippers. He often walks out in them. They are a pair of dress boots to be correct. The Lord Mayor bought them long before the war, and I have often heard him talk about them. He boasts about them and tells people that they still fit him perfectly."

In a Glass Case.

An expert tanner said the shoes were obviously of British make—foreign leather would never wear so long.

"I do not see why they should not last the Lord Mayor 50 years if he goes on taking proper care of them," said the expert, "even if he wears them regularly at social functions or at home in the evening."

"We at the United Tanners' Federation are proud of two pairs of old shoes in our own possession. We kept them in a glass case."

"They are nearly 2,000 years old, and were dug up from beneath the Bank of England during the excavations for the rebuilding a little time ago. They are Roman sandals. One does not know how long they were worn by the Roman to whom they belonged."

I was once a wrestler and have met George Hackenschmidt. Leo was born in the first year of the war, and at seven weeks old we took him with us on a tour of South Africa and Australia. I was a music-hall artiste.

"Leo was born in Sunderland, but most of his life before going to Birmingham—I keep an inn at Saltley and run a physical culture school, where my son trains—was spent at Harringay."

"My son has had sixty fights and never once has he been on the floor. Even an experienced man like Fred Webster could not put Leo down. He will be 18 in March, and he has been fighting since he was 13 years of age. I'll tell you a secret—the doctor who brought him into the world said that here was a 'white hope'."

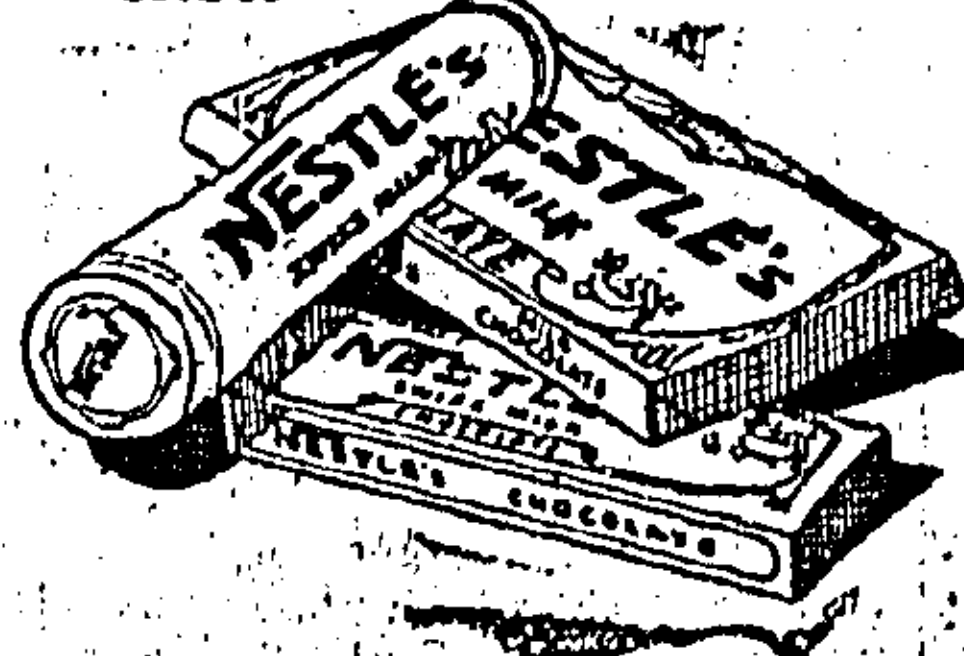


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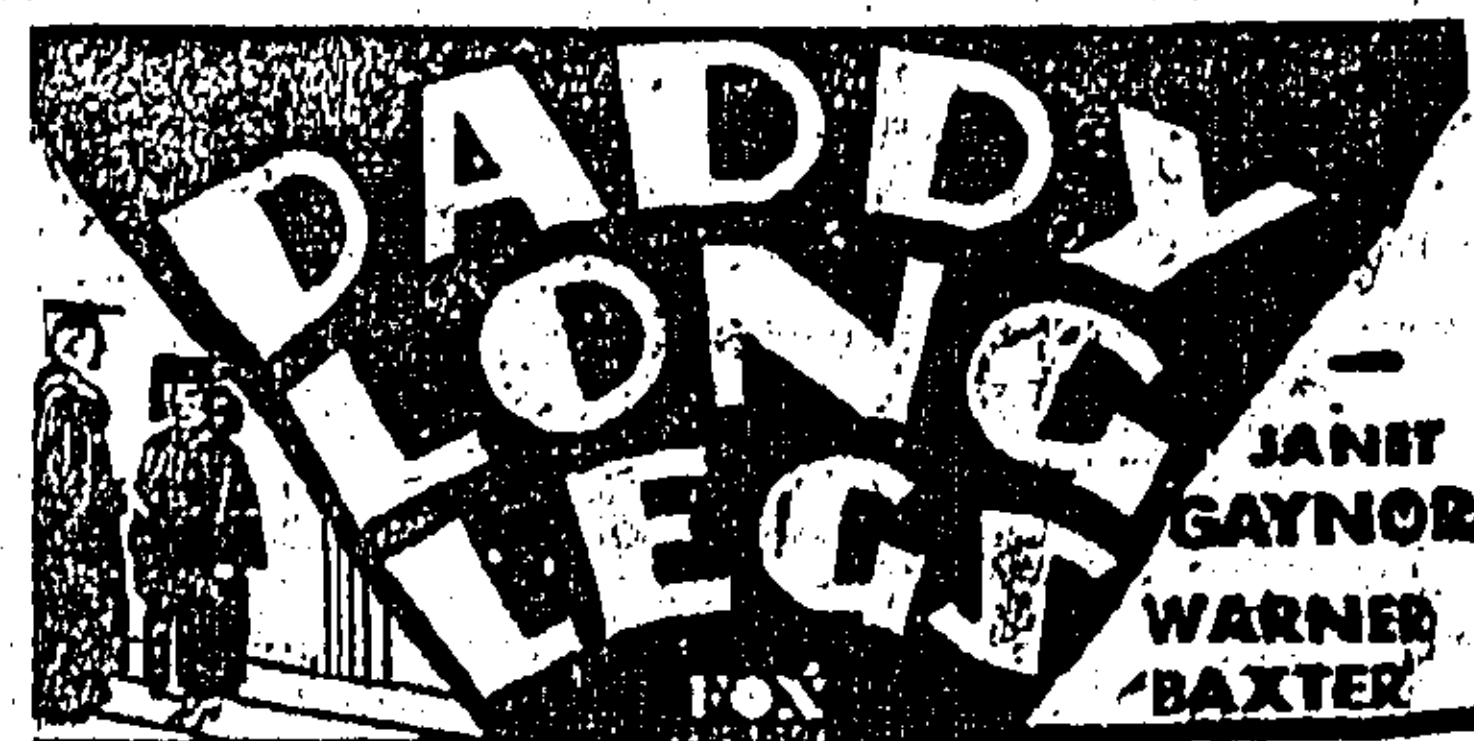
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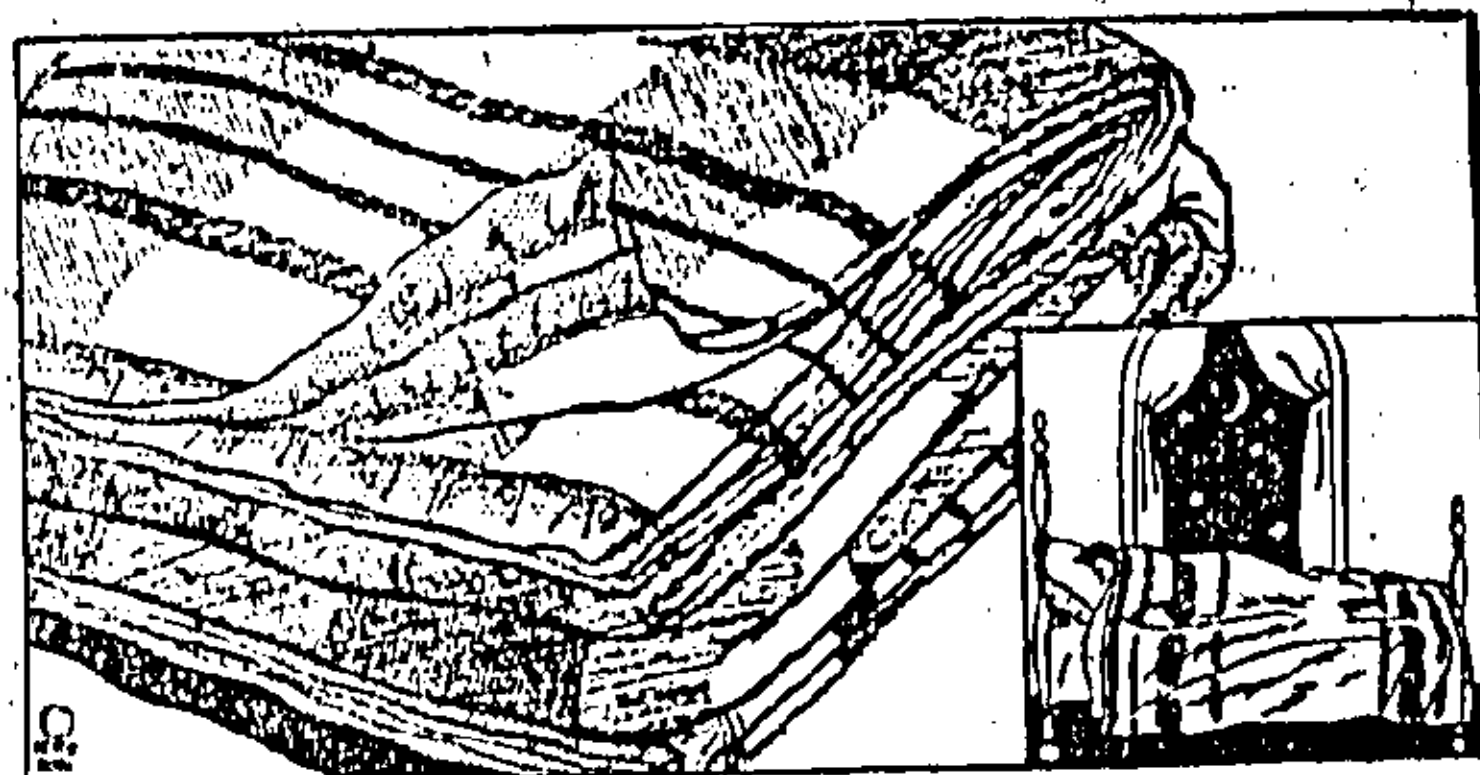
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The China Mail

Hong Kong, Tuesday, Dec. 15, 1931.

Right to Live.

On Sunday our "sister-ship," the *Herald*, gave its readers some quite cheerful reading for a cold Sunday on "The Right to Live." With the cold snap at the moment less acute than forty-eight hours ago, we may presume to look at the other side of the picture — "The Right to Live." That we do not live as long as we should is one of the few solid facts that emerge from the mass of conflicting theories and contradictory statements which surround the subject of longevity. Few men die of actual old age. Man is the one animal that does not reach his full number of years. Notwithstanding the assertion of the Psalmist that his years do not exceed three-score and ten, he should, judged by the standard of animal life, reach the century.

It is an undisputable fact that modern man digs his grave with his teeth. No one can deny that we all eat far too much and far too often. Most middle aged people are too stout. Even a small degree of obesity leads to a surprising depreciation in the expectation of life. Insurance companies look with unfriendly eyes upon the obese applicant for life insurance. These notoriously shrewd institutions strenuously disagree with the popular idea that corpulence is inevitable when the half-century is reached. They know that excess of weight adds to the burden of the heart just when that harassed organ should have its work made easy.

Since Nature intended us to work for our living in the fresh air, we are not surprised to find that manual out-of-door workers show a distinctly greater expectation of life than the sedentary occupants of the city. Certain physical characteristics are common to all people who reach a great age. A good digestion is, of course, essential. Height has an influence also. Most centenarians are medium sized or short; very few are tall.

In addition, most are blue-eyed. A very interesting fact is that early grey hairs frequently are a mark of longevity. The converse is also true. People who retain the natural colour of their hair for a longer period than usual often reach an advanced age. Temperament has much to do with longevity. One man will placidly or even willingly, accept the burdens and limitations of advancing years while another will brace himself up to overcome these disabilities. The modern woman who resolutely refuses to grow old sets a splendid example to the supposed stronger sex.

Hard work is another very important factor, especially if it be of a congenial nature. Many elderly folk owe their long lives to their continuance in business. Many British legal luminaries have passed their eightieth year without any impairment of their mental or bodily activity. It is simply work that keeps many elderly people alive. We have all seen the break-up of a previously healthy man soon after he retires from business. He has no hobby wherewith to occupy his mind, which is like an engine with no resistance to overcome and soon shakes itself to pieces.

A formula has been advanced which, it is claimed, will give the approximate expectations of life. Add together the ages of both parents and the four grand-parents and divide by six. The result will show the age which we should reach unless cut off by accident. Probably, the formula is as often right as wrong. Obviously, children born of very young or very old parents have small chance of being notable for longevity. Statistics show that the second, third, fourth, and fifth children of the same parents have a better chance of longevity than the first or succeeding children.

While the average expectation of life is steadily rising, it should be much higher. Every one eats too much and is too fond of the wrong sorts of foods. Tobacco and other stimulants do not tend to long life, however pleasant they are to the palate. May we now look forward to an article on "The Right to Live" from our Sunday "sister-ship"?

From Other Pens

The Car For Celebrities.

I have been for a drive in a new type of car which has just been put on the market. Its novel feature is its glass, which renders the occupants invisible, but at the same time enables them to see everything that is going on outside.

Obviously, a car of this kind has certain advantages. It should appeal to shy celebrities—politicians and cinema stars—who complain of too much publicity. It is the ideal car for Charles Chaplin.

Among a modest and law-abiding race like the British I do not see why it should not have a certain vogue.

On the other hand, it is not a car I should like to meet in Chicago. I should suspect loop-holes and machine-guns—Londoner in the Evening Standard.

Lord Russell's Query.

When is a judge not a judge? The question arises through a recent observation by Lord Russell of Killowen, suggesting a doubt whether the Lords-of-Appeal in Ordinary, of whom he is one, can technically be described as judges, using the term in its ordinary sense.

Laymen would scarcely hazard a doubt about the matter, in the absence of such high questioning, being accustomed to regard the duties of the office as essentially judicial, and handsomely remunerated as such.

But Lord Russell is humorously disposed to describe those of his distinguished rank as "neither fish, nor flesh, nor good red herring" in the realm of the law, and he gives reasons.

First, they are not required to adopt the orthodox garb of judges, wig and gown. Secondly, when they attend banquets at which a toast is devoted to the Bench and the Bar, they are expected, like the lay guests, to honour it by rising in their places—a demonstration of dissociation from the subjects of the compliment universally observed.

So informed, it may not be considered a lay indiscretion henceforward to regard a Lord of Appeal in Ordinary as "no judge."—*Peterborough in the Daily Telegraph.*

News in Brief.

For telegrams to and from Shanghai and beyond normal working hours has been re-established.

The lowest open air temperature yesterday was 49 degrees. The humidity was 57 at 10 a.m. and 60 at 4 p.m.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ended November 28 amounted to 129,922 metric tons, and the sales to 96,301 metric tons.

The President and Committee of the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home gratefully acknowledge the receipt of the following donation to the funds of the Home:—H.M.S. Moorhen (Ship's Company), \$10.

Cheung Sin, a Chinese boatman, was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital yesterday, suffering from a cut on the right wrist caused by Yan Tak, a steersman, during a dispute over money matters.

Found in a comatose condition on the staircase of No. 732, Nathan Road, at about 8.30 yesterday evening, an unknown Chinese, aged about 19 years, and having the appearance of a student, was removed to the Government Civil Hospital. He appeared to be suffering from loss of memory.

Mr. Fraser, at the Kowloon Magistrate's yesterday afternoon, opened an inquiry into the death of Chung Tang (30), a male prisoner, of Lai-chikok Prison, who died at 9 p.m. on December 12 from rupture of the small intestine following peritonitis. The inquiry was adjourned.

Yesterday was the second day of the run of the Fox film "East Lynne," at the King's Theatre, and "fans" went away satisfied. Many women enjoyed the picture with handkerchiefs to their eyes, and some of the men were silent as they filed out of the theatre, afraid to speak lest they should betray their manliness. If you have not been yet, don't miss the picture to-day.

For their honeymoon, Mrs. Bullock's travelling dress was of blue crepe suede and coat; and she wore a beige lace hat and beige shoes.

PUREE DE POIS

By

BESOMORO.

SKIP TO IT!

So advises Mr. Anconous Dell, head of the Society of Skippers, which, by the way, has nothing whatever to do with "those who go to sea" and "are only four inches from death." "Every morning," says Mr. Dell, "thousands of people run to catch trains." And commenting on this practice adds, "How silly! Why don't they skip instead of run? They would improve their health enormously." Skipping, it seems, is the one thing that matters to Mr. Dell. It is his great passion. He hopes in a year's time to have 15,000,000 persons skipping through life to health and happiness. Among his converts he numbers a couple of millionaires, many professional footballers and boxers, some doctors, numerous business girls, and a great host of women whose youths have been left behind these forty years past. Referring to these last named, Mr. Dell says: "Some time ago we had a skipping competition, and I was surprised to find that married women of forty or more are much more proficient than younger women. The cause, probably, is that they are determined to keep young."

If the skipping craze is to take on in Hong Kong, this is the season to launch it. The cold snap ought to act as an added incentive to popularising the art of skipping.

I wonder if we shall ever see Peakites skipping down to the city, and most of Kowloon skipping along to the ferry. What a great improvement would be noted in the health and figures of Peakites, especially of residents on the highest level! Portly gentlemen and starboardly ladies would continue to be conspicuous, but conspicuous by their absence. Well, what about a Hong Kong Skipping Club. Perhaps, the proposed Hiking Club will sponsor it; while the Hong Kong and Peninsula Hotels may be expected to enter especially for skippers; and our enterprising stores, no doubt, will soon have on offer skipping outfits "From \$1 to \$100 in a variety of designs and a choice selection of colours."

It will be essential, however, not to alarm employers of labour. They are a nervous, timid lot. To wit a certain Journalists' Association. But that is another story. It may be possible to soothe them by inserting a by-law to the effect that "any member found guilty of skipping of work shall forthwith have his name removed from the society's list of membership." And

in the society's aims and objects, it may be declared in distinguishing type that the society does not encourage skipping of work.

Of course, when those prize and subscription lists, in connection with the annual skipping competitions, are distributed widely, no response may be expected from the terraces (Hong Kong and Peak), the bus companies, the motor firms, and the chair and riksha bearers' guilds. But, fortunately, they're not the only pebbles on the beach.

So, let us skip to work, skip from work, skip at work. But, don't let us skip work.

A GOOD JOB.

Do you want a job? Do you want even a better job? It is an exceptional opportunity to make a fortune, and you stand a chance of winning \$100,000 to \$200,000 in one winter season. I don't know if the job is yet vacant; it was up to a few weeks ago. A Riviera casino is looking for a person to hold the bank in the baccarat games. The applicant must never have been in trouble with the Police (that rules out a number of persons in Hong Kong); must not be in debt (that will wipe out the applications of 95 per cent. of Hong Kong); must be an expert player at baccarat. The only drawback to the position is that the banker will be compelled to make good his losses out of his own pocket.

THE INTERNATIONAL CAT SOCIETY.

I didn't know there was one. But that is only another indication of my ignorance. However, this society held a meeting in New York, a few weeks ago. It is reported to have thrown the usually decorous Biltmore Hotel into a turmoil. What an arching of backs and spitting must have occurred! But did anybody expect less? The meeting broke up when statistics were read showing there were 7,000,000 cats in New York, according to an unofficial census.

It is significant that the three speeches reported were those of men, and it is yet more significant that, according to population figures for the State of New York the total population is just about 13,000,000. It's all rather confusing. And my confusion has been confounded by reading that the chairman of the meeting declared that cats were all right if they stayed at home, whereas another stated that he thought so much of his cats that he had just kissed them good-bye. Now, were they referring to cats or cats?

WEDDING.

Two Scottish Families United.

BULLOCH—MCLEOD.

In the Union Church, Kennedy Road, yesterday afternoon, the Rev. E. G. Powell officiating, the wedding took place of James Bulloch, farm superintendent of the Dairy Farm, Ice, and Cold Storage Co., Ltd., eldest son of Mr. T. Bulloch, of West Calder, Midlothian, Scotland, and Helen McLeod, eldest daughter of the late Mr. McLeod, and Mrs. McLeod, of the Temple, Auchinleck, Ayrshire, Scotland.

The bride, who was given away by Mr. A. Stevenson, wore a dress of white chiffon velvet and garter, and a head dress of pearls with a long white net veil edged with silver thread. She carried a bouquet of white roses and maiden-hair fern.

The Misses Margaret and Joyce Crookdale, as flower girls, were attired in dresses of peach tulle edged with white fur, and carried bouquets of African daisies.

Mrs. A. Stevenson, matron of honour, was dressed in brown lace, with pan velvet hat and coat.

Mr. A. D. Wyllie was best man, whilst Messrs. T. P. Saunders and C. Jackson were the groomsmen.

The hymn, "O Perfect Love," was sung during the service. Bagpipes were played by Mr. H. C. Watson, on the arrival of the bride, and the departure of the newly-wed couple from the Church.

A reception was later held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Roof Garden, after which the happy couple left (Continued at foot of preceding column).

To-day's Thought.

Jealousy not only keeps us from giving the other fellow his due but also keeps us from getting all that is coming to us.

Ten Years Ago.

[From the "China Mail" of December 15, 1921.]

To-day's dollar is worth 2/7½.

Hong Kong pickpockets are nothing if not impudent. A European this morning cashed a cheque at one of the big city banks, placed the money in his breast pocket, and walked out of the building. He was followed. Walking up Wyndham Street in a mood of abstraction he was jostled by three men whom he scarcely saw. Coming out of his reverie a few paces later something in the incident struck him as peculiar. Moved by an obscure impulse, he felt in his pocket. The money was gone!

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VILLAGE METHODS OF TIGER HUNTING IN BURMA

HUNDREDS KILLED ANNUALLY

Poisoned Arrows, Traps, and Muzzle-Loaders.

Tigers abound in many parts of the vast jungles of Burma. Their depredations among the village cattle are serious; and they are regarded as vermin to be destroyed by fair means or foul.

The villagers' arms are bows and arrows, spears, and an occasional muzzle loader. With these they carry on a perpetual warfare with the tigers and other carnivora of their jungles. The following are brief sketches of some of their methods.

One evening when the cattle are collected for the night, a cow or a buffalo is missing. In the morning the villagers scour the jungle in search of it. A half-ferocious creature is found, and an examination of this shows the marauder to be a tiger. The villagers do not take this affront without retaliating.

If they possess a muzzle-loader, it is set over the kill in such a way that the animal retreating the following night to continue its meal, will release a trip-wire and fire the gun at itself. Watchers remain within hearing, and should the report of the gun be heard, a man goes at daybreak to reconnoitre and ascertain the result. He approaches with great caution because if the tiger is wounded he runs considerable risk. He may find the tiger dead or wounded; or the bullet may have missed. If it is wounded, he returns for assistance, and the able-bodied men of the village turn out with spears and dispatch it.

A Desperate Business. Finishing off a wounded tiger is a desperately dangerous business, and calls for considerable courage. Armed with nothing but spears the villagers approach in a compact body. Their safety lies in keeping together and holding their ground when the tiger charges. Should their nerve fail and they scatter at the critical moment, it almost certainly will mean death for one of them.

Silently the party creeps forward, straining eyes and ears for any sign or sound of movement ahead. Suddenly there is the deep throaty roar of a wounded tiger, at close quarters the most terrifying of all sounds in the jungle. At the same instant the grass in front parts and like a dull red flash the tiger is in them. The speed of a charging tiger is astounding. If their nerve fails now they are lost. But the hunters are jungle born and bred. Instinctively they crouch and stiffen and the charging animal is received upon a line of steady spear points. In an instant the villagers have surrounded their quarry and are plunging their spears into its throat and flanks.

For a few seconds there is a desperate struggle. The tiger fights like a fiend, clawing, biting and snarling. The villagers will indeed be lucky if at least one of them does not carry for the rest of his life the marks of those powerful claws or fangs. Then overborne by numbers and impaled with a dozen spears, the tiger, fighting

gamely to the last, sinks to the ground and dies.

At once the victors raise a shout of triumph. In no time the news has reached the village. The whole population turns out with drums and musical instruments, and the return of the hunters with the body slung on a pole, is a triumphal march.

The skinning is at once begun and an interested crowd watches the proceedings. The claws, heart, teeth and various parts are in great demand and give rise to many disputes for possession. When the skin is removed it is roughly cured, and then either kept as a trophy or taken into the township headquarters and the Government reward claimed.

Poisoned Arrows. In the absence of guns, bows with poisoned arrows are often set over a kill. The poison used is a black substance and is smeared over the head of the arrow. A scratch from the latter will prove fatal in a few hours. When the arrow has been discharged a careful search is made for blood marks. When these are found some time is allowed to elapse before the trail is followed, to give the poison time to take effect. Thus when the villagers finally come up to 'wounded animal it is either dead or dying, and easily finished off.

Sometimes it is the villagers who make the first move. Tigers often follow fairly regular beats, and when one of these is known the villagers build a trap beside it. There are various designs of traps but most of them work on the principle of a mouse trap, and are baited with a young calf or a goat. The tiger, attracted by the calling of the terrified bait, springs into the trap and seizes it. In doing so it releases a heavy weight which falls and crushes it.

Crushing Traps. One kind of trap is wedge shaped; the end corresponding with the bottom of the wedge, being open. The sides are made of stout stakes driven well into the ground. The roof consists of heavy logs with one end resting on the ground opposite the opening. The bait is secured near the back of the trap. When it is seized the whole roof falls in and crushes the intruder. Another pattern consists of a cage with a small entrance, above which is suspended a heavy log. On leaping in, the tiger lands with its fore-paws on a platform. This gives way and releases the log, which falls and breaks the tiger's back.

Once, I remember, a tiger entered the trap and killed the bait, a goat. The log was, however, slow in falling and the tiger escaped. It must have been considerably alarmed by the crash of the falling log, as it did not wait to remove the bait. Next morning this was found lying where it had been felled, with the tiger's tooth marks clearly visible in its neck.

Each year hundreds of tigers fall victims to the spring guns and traps of the villagers, but in many areas their numbers show few signs of diminishing.

MONK'S ROCK CAVE RETREAT.

Discipline of Solitary Confinement.

A Buddhist institution known as the Sagala Monastery was the subject of an address delivered under the auspices of the Servants of the Buddha Society at the Matriya Hall, Bamburgh-tya, by Mr. Sri Nissanka recently.

Mr. Nissanka said that in the forest region of the Sabaragamuwa Province, hard by the village of Galapittimada, was a Crown reserve four hundred acres in extent. In that locality a monastery had been established to be run in strict conformity with the rules and regulations of the Buddhist faith.

Shackles of Desire. They had been told, said the speaker, that the cardinal necessity for ultimate emancipation, the way to eternal peace, was the relinquishment of all desires. There was no greater discipline than the discipline of solitary confinement. The Sagala monastery consisted of rock caves of considerable dimensions supposed to have been constructed during the reign of King Walagambahu. Five Bhikkus under the guidance of a guru were already living there. Admission was strictly restricted to Bhikkus between 21 and 40 years of age.

Asked by Dr. Cassius Pereira how they came to select that spot for the establishment of the monastery, Mr. Nissanka said that the establishment of such a monastery was the realisation of one of their great ambitions. He conceived the idea about five years ago. He gave a description of the climate and the surroundings of the place.

VICTORIA BRITISH SCHOOL.

Last Prize Distribution Ceremony.

PUPILS' ENTERTAINMENT.

The last prize-giving ceremony before the closing down of the Victoria British School, Causeway Bay, took place in the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home, Wanchai, last evening.

Mrs. W. T. Southern gave away the prizes, and amongst those present was Mr. G. P. de Martin, Director of Education. Both Mrs. Southern and Mr. de Martin expressed regret that the school was closing down.

Mrs. Southern said that she was sure that the pupils of the V.B.S. would be a credit to any school to which they were sent, while Mr. de Martin congratulated the school on the excellent work it had done.

A Comedy.

Before the prize-giving, the pupils presented an enjoyable programme of entertainment. First came a comedy entitled "The Butcher, the Baker, and the Candlestick Maker," by classes 7 and 8; then was presented a Health Play, "The Road to Happiness," by classes 9 and 10; and finally a Christmas play called "Good Tidings," by classes 7, 8, and 9. In this play the Christmas carols, "The First Nowell," "While Shepherds Watched," and "Hark the Herald Angels Sing," were rendered.

All three items were well performed and reflected credit on the children as well as the teachers who trained them. Several of the children who were originally chosen for the casts could not perform on account of illness and their places were taken by other children at short notice and all the substitutes acquitted themselves well. In this connection special mention must be made of Master Eric Stone who was called upon to take the place of Master Billy Pryde as the butcher in the first sketch and as the reader in the Christmas play. He had only two rehearsals and carried his parts well.

The report of the acting head mistress, Miss J. W. Buckwell, was read by Mr. de Martin.

Before calling Mrs. Southern to give away the prizes, Mr. de Martin thanked her for honouring the school with her presence and also welcomed back from home leave Mrs. E. M. Clark, the Head Mistress.

After the distribution of prizes, Mrs. Southern was presented with a beautiful bouquet of flowers by Miss Pauline Ewing.

The Prize List.

Following are the prize-winners: Class 7. Scholarship gained by Jean Ewing, and first prize for examination. Second prize, for best all-round work throughout the year, Billy Pryde.

Class 8. 1. Mona Shand. Class 9. Division 1, Peggie Hamer. Division 2, Klaus May.

Class 10. 1. Beryl Hyne, 2. Pauline Strange, 3. Kenneth Stone. Other prizes were handed to the following juniors:—Pauline Strange, Vivien Lockhart, Betty Wadmore, Alma Rogers, Roy Hickman, Muriel Gelling, Irene Pinget, Jacqueline Kew, Lionel Strange, Sammy Salmon, Alan Cuthbert, Rene Ohl, Arthur Carlo and Joan Goldsmith.

A special prize was given to Eric Stone for helping with the programme.

Other children on the register at the time of the school's closing ceremony were:—Class 7. Beryl Oliver, Terrance Lockhart, Geoffrey Stone, Dorothy Salmon, Peggy Eccleshall; Class 8. William McWalter, Tom Cochrane, John Anderson; Class 9. Peter Smith, Alan Anderson, Ronald Burnett, Norman Coward, Ursula May, Kenny Bailey, George McFarlane, Geoffrey Warren; Pauline Ewing, Ian Burnett, Esther Elford, Eric Oswald and Johnnie Hyne.

EX-CONVENT GIRL

Goes to Jail for Three Months.

The case against Chan Wai-fong, who charged at the Central Magistrate, yesterday, with the theft of jewellery to the value of \$1,308, property of Cheung Yin-fong, of No. 3, Man Chung Fong, Wong Nei-chung, came to a conclusion this morning, when Mr. A. W. G. H.

UNRULY STUDENTS IN CHINA.

Demanding by Nanking Government.

ACTION DETRIMENTAL.

Nanking, Friday. Severe strictures against unruly students are made by the National Government in an official mandate issued last night following upon the student disturbances here yesterday.

The mandate declares that thereafter all petitions to be submitted to the Government should be in writing and be transmitted through the competent local administrative authorities or school presidents concerned. No organized body of persons, whether students or members of other civic organizations, will hereafter be allowed to proceed here for the purpose of presenting petitions.

Nanking Swarmed. Since the Japanese occupation of Shenyang (Mukden), the mandate begins, people in the various localities, incited by "righteous indignation," have come here for the purpose of petitioning the Government, the majority of such petitioners being students. While their patriotism is highly praiseworthy, they must realize that their action is detrimental.

The mere fact that several thousands of students are assembled in Nanking wasting their valuable time and neglecting their studies is in itself highly deplorable.

What is more, however, some of them have been guilty of unruly conduct and action which amount to violation of the law and order of the State.

Students Unruly. In this connection, the mandate charges certain elements of the students with having commandeered rolling stock, expelled ordinary passengers, assaulting station masters and destroying the property of Government railways. They have thus violated law and order and disrupted communications, the mandate alleges.

After their arrival in Nanking, the students have also committed improper actions and made improper utterances, thereby creating a general state of unrest.

Continuing, the mandate points out that the present diplomatic situation calls for the exercise of the highest degree of vigilance on the part of the Government authorities. By insisting upon being received in person by leading Government officials, the petitioners have seriously interfered with the duties of such officials.

Detrimental Action. It is thus obvious that, however, laudatory their motives may be, the action of the petitioners is not only futile as a means of national salvation, but may even prove detrimental to the interests of the nation.

Moreover, the people's right of petition consists merely in the submission of views to the Government for consideration. It is therefore hereby ordered that hereafter, all students and civic organizations, which are desirous of submitting views to the Government, must send such petitions in writing to the competent local administrative authorities or school presidents. Where such suggestions are actually feasible, the Government will not hesitate to follow and act upon them. The formation of organized bodies for the purpose of coming to the capital to present petitions is hereby strictly prohibited in order that the best interests of the nation may not be compromised.

The various Provincial and Municipal Authorities, school presidents, as well as responsible authorities of communication or other bodies should especially endeavour to dissuade persons from coming to the capital for the purpose of submitting petitions.

In conclusion, the mandate declares that in such a grave national crisis as the present, the people must place implicit confidence in the Government. They must unite together and strive under the Government's leadership for the salvation of the nation.—Canton Sun.

Grantham, sent the girl to jail for three months.

Accused's mother-in-law was present in Court, and stated that she was willing to sign a bond for the girl's good behaviour, but had no money.

THE BAR AND ITS HISTORY.

Lawyers' Aid to Poor Persons.

JUDGES LONG AGO.

"The bar yesterday and to-day" was the subject which the Rt. Hon. Sir Thomas Malony, Bt., chose for a lecture to the Irish Literary Society.

Sir Thomas began with a short sketch of the history of the Bar in England and Ireland from the thirteenth century when the clergy to whom up to then practice in the courts of justice had been confined, were gradually supplanted by professional students of law, who, seeking for a permanent home and habitation, found it in the Temple and neighbouring Inns.

Sir Thomas quoted Sir John Fortescue, who became in 1442 Chief Justice of the King's Bench, to show how judges and sergeants and counsel lived in the fifteenth century. "You are to know further," says Sir John, "that the Judges of England do not sit in the King's Courts above three hours in the day, this is, from eight in the morning till eleven. The Courts are not open in the afternoon. The suttlers of the Court betake themselves to the purlieu, and other places, to advise with the Sergeants at Law, and other their counsel, about their affairs. The Judges when they have taken their refreshments spend the rest of the day in the study of the laws, reading of the Holy Scriptures, and other innocent amusements, at their pleasure; it seems rather a life of contemplation than of much action; their time is spent in this manner, free from care and worldly avocations. Nor was it ever found that any of them has been corrupted with gifts, or bribes. And it has been observed, as an especial dispensation of Providence, that they have been happy in leaving behind them immediate descendants in a right line. Thus is the man blessed that fourth the Lord."

An Excellent Opinion. These fifteenth century judges, continued Sir Thomas, seemed to have had an excellent opinion of themselves and to have been well satisfied with the law they administered. Sir Thomas paid a tribute to the most excellent and meritorious work which was being done quietly and unobtrusively by both branches of the legal profession in England, in providing legal aid for poor persons. The Society of our Lady of Good Counsel, with which he was connected, although Catholic in its origin and membership, existed for the benefit of all poor persons without reference to their religious faith, and had acted in over 4,000 cases since its establishment in 1926. The Bentham Society under the presidency of Lord Cecil, which is undenominational in its character, aimed at doing equally good work, and both societies worked in close co-operation to realise the wish which Lord Halsbury, then Lord Chancellor, expressed at the annual meeting of the Bar in 1928: "I should like to see the day coming when just as medicine administrators to all who need its help for the body, so in every great centre of population we might see something akin to a legal hospital where the poor people could rely on getting the advice and help which they needed."

Sir Thomas sketched briefly how the system of justice worked in Ireland in his own time and related many of his own experiences. In 1919, he said, there was a grand jury resolution at Cork congratulating him: two years later in the same city police bombs and machine-guns were needed to protect him. Popularly, reflected Sir Thomas ruefully, is a broken reed.

Austrian Bank Director Arrested. Dr. Frederick Ehrenfest, ex-Director of Austrian Creditanstalt, was arrested to-day in Lisbon at the request of the Austrian Government. Ehrenfest recently has been living in various countries outside Austria. He was summoned last month to appear at the Viennese Court to free charges reported to be connected with the issue of cheques uncovered by frauds and fraudulent bankruptcy.—Reuter.



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| —While Shepherds Watched | " |
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| —God Rest Ye | " |
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THE ANNAN DINNER DANCE will be held at the PENINSULA HOTEL, Kowloon, on FRIDAY, December 18, 1931.

Tables "Lily of the Valley" at the Peninsula Hotel, Kowloon. Payment must be made when booking tables. Tickets will be issued on order.

Hon. Secretary:
Hong Kong, December 10, 1931.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

THE MACAO JOCKEY CLUB.

REMINDER.

ENTRIES for the Fourth Extra Race Meeting to be held at Macao on SUNDAY, December 27, 1931, will close at 12 o'clock noon. To-morrow, December 16, 1931.

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THE NINTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Head Office of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, December 30, 1931, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of receiving the Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended June 30, 1931, and electing Directors.

SHEWAN TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
Hong Kong, December 14, 1931.

SOCIETY OF ST. GEORGE, HONG KONG.

MEMBERS are requested to bring their application for the Ball to be held at the Peninsula Hotel, Kowloon, on WEDNESDAY, January 6, 1932, to the undersigned.

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ON
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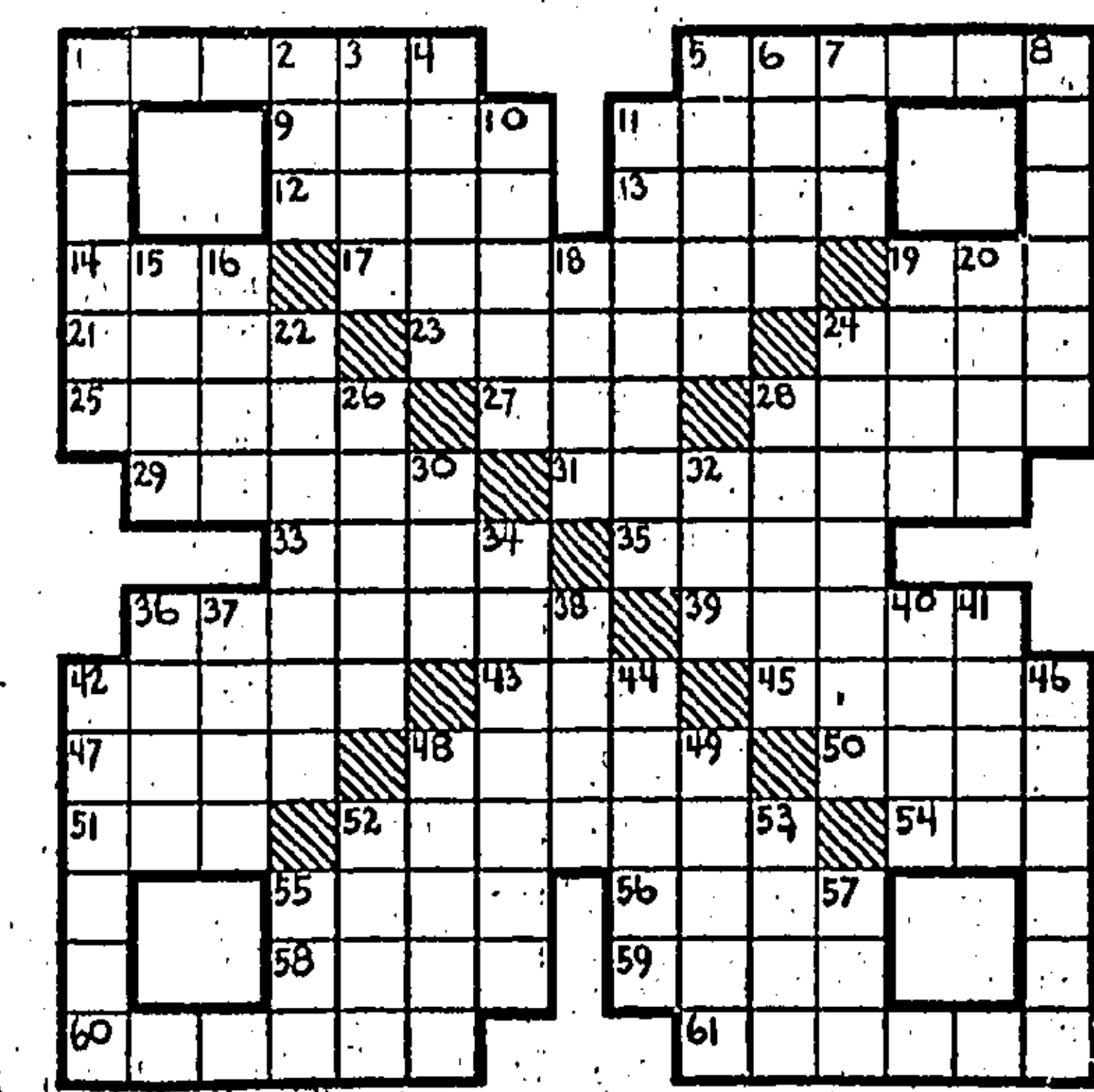
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By Order of the Board of Directors,
F. H. CRAPNELL,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 4th December, 1931.

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL
1—Exercise prudence
5—A covering suspended over a throne
9—Break
11—A contest for recreation
12—Apportion
13—Throw off
14—In no manner
17—Explained
18—Pronoun
21—Pack tightly
22—To resist any authority
24—A vegetable
25—Rotten (pl.)
27—Ritardando (abbr.)
28—Withers
29—To cause a liquid to permeate through something
31—Seals
32—Girl's name
35—A rail-like aquatic bird
36—Accost
37—Swallows hurriedly
38—To deal with the bank, as a bird
39—Series

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)
46—Pertaining to general
48—Pertaining to punishment
50—Girl's name
51—Swiss river
52—A confection of sugar (pl.)
54—Proud, meaning footed
55—Saucy
56—Nigh
58—Insect (pl.)
59—Any three things grouped together
60—Choppy (abbr.)
61—Slumbers

VERTICAL
1—To make white
2—Part of the body
3—Long grass stem
4—Penetrate
5—The ship of the desert
6—Among
7—East of a ship
8—Five (abbr.)
9—Put off

VERTICAL (Cont.)
11—Pertaining to general
15—Vocal
16—The daniel
18—A wading bird
19—Warmth
20—Organs of hearing
22—To wander aimlessly
24—An insect (pl.)
28—Spurn
29—To pry into things with which one has no business
30—Holy Roman Empire (abbr.)
32—Small chunk
34—Agree
35—Any open space
37—Beloved
38—Diamond
40—Snake
41—An elderly man
42—Clarity
44—Contaminate
46—Gentlewoman
48—Segments
49—Jeers
52—One-tenth of a dime
53—Clarity
55—Pacific (abbr.)
57—Fish-eggs

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

EXCHANGES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

On London—
Bank, wire 1/5 3/4
Bank, on demand 1/5 3/16
Bank, 4 months' sight 1/5 5/16
Credits, 4 months' sight 1/6 3/8
Documentary, 4 months' sight 1/6 1/2

On Paris—
On demand 620
Credits, 4 months' sight 690

On Berlin—
On demand Nom.

On New York—
On demand 24 1/2
Credits, 60 days' sight 26 1/4

On Bombay—
Wire 94 3/4
On demand 94 3/4

On Calcutta—
Wire 94 3/4
On demand 94 3/4

On Singapore—
On demand 60 3/4

On Manila—
On demand 49

On Shanghai—
On demand 77 1/4
Dollar 1 1/2 % dis.

On Yokohama—
On demand 57 nom.

Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate) 1/6 3/4
Silver (per oz.) 19 13/16

Bar Silver in Hong Kong Nom.

Copper Cash Nom.

Copper Cents 1 % prem.

Rate of Native Interest 3 1/2 % p.a.

Chinese Sub. Coin 25 3/4 % dis.

Hong Kong Sub. Coin Par.

LONDON EXCHANGES

Rugby, Yesterday.
Paris 87 1/2
New York 3.43 1/2
Montreal 4.2 1/2
Brussels 24 13/16
Geneva 17 1/2
Amsterdam 3 17/32
Milan 67 1/4
Berlin 14 7/16
Stockholm 17 15/16
Copenhagen 18 1/2
Oslo 18 1/2
Vienna 29 nominal
Prague 116
Helsingfors 220 sellers
Madrid 40 1/2
Lisbon 108 1/2
Athens 270
Montevideo 31
Buenos Aires 572 1/2
Rio 4 1/2

HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE

Opening Daily Official Quotations, Dec. 15th, 1931.

Next Settlement Day, Tuesday, December 22nd.

STOCK	Buy- ers	Sell- ers	Open	Close	Fin. year	Last dividend and when paid
Banks.						
Hong Kong Bank	...	...	1500	...	Dec.	Interim 2 1/2% for 1931 Aug. 10, 31
Chartered Bank	...	...	11 1/2	...	Dec.	Int. 7 1/2% for 1931 Sep. 1, 31
Mercantile Bk., Ltd.	...	...	19 1/2	...	Dec.	Int. 7 1/2% for 1931 Sep. 1, 31
Bank of Asia	...	...	135	...	Dec.	Int. 7 1/2% for 1931 Feb. 28, 31
Insurance.						
Centum Ins.	...	...	1450	...	Dec.	Int. 7 1/2% for 1931 May 15, 31
Union Ins.	480	...	155	...	Dec.	Int. 7 1/2% for 1931 May 20, 31
China Underwriters	...	...	400	...	Dec.	None
China Fire Ins.	...	...	350	...	Dec.	Int. 7 1/2% for 1931 May 20, 31
H. K. Fire Ins.	...	...	1450	...	Dec.	Int. 7 1/2% for 1931 Mar. 25, 31
Shipping.						
Douglis	...	...	22 1/2	...	Dec.	Last dividend for 1931
H. K. Steamships	...	...	34	...	Dec.	Int. 7 1/2% for 1931 Mar. 1, 31
Indo-China (Pref.)	...	...	25	...	Dec.	Int. 7 1/2% for 1931 Jan. 19, 31
(Def.)	...	...	25	...	Dec.	Last dividend for 1931
Shells Bearer	...	...	30 1/2	...	Dec.	Int. 7 1/2% for 1931 July 6, 31
Union Waterboats	...	...	37	...	Dec.	Int. 7 1/2% for 1931 Mar. 31, 31
Mining.						
Benguet	...	...	10 1/2	...	Dec.	Int. 7 1/2% for 1931 Sept. 30, 31
Kailan Mining Ad.	...	...	30 1/2	...	June	Int. 7 1/2% for 1931 Dec. 30, 31
Langkat (Single)	...	...	400	...	Oct.	Int. 7 1/2% for 1931 May 8, 31
S'hai Exploration	...	...	270	...	Dec.	None
Loans	...	...	3 1/2	...	Dec.	Int. 7 1/2% for 1931 Dec. 5, 31
Raubs	49	...	...	...	Mar.	Int. 7 1/2% for 1931 Dec. 15, 31
Venezuela Gold Fields	...	...	2	...	...	...
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.						
H. K. & W. Wharves	...	...	154	...	Dec.	Int. 7 1/2% for 1931 Mar. 15, 31
H. K. & W. Docks	...	...	90	...	Dec.	Last dividend for 1931
South Ch. Motors (A)	...	...	10	...	...	...
(B)	...	...	12	...	...	...
China Provident (old)	5 1/2	...	5 1/2	...	Dec.	Int. 7 1/2% for 1931 April 8, 31
(new)	2 1/2	...	...	...	Dec.	Int. 7 1/2% for 1931 April 8, 31
Hongkong	...	...	325	...	Dec.	Int. 7 1/2% for 1931 Oct. 2, 31
N. Engineering	...	...	6 1/2	...	Dec.	Int. 7 1/2% for 1931 Mar. 4, 31
Shanghai Docks	...	...	95	...	Apr.	Int. 7 1/2% for 1931 July 29, 31
Land, Hotels & Buildings.						
H. K. & S. Hls. (old)	...	...	14 1/2	...	Dec.	Int. 7 1/2% for 1931 Apr. 15, 31
(new)	14 1/2	...	14 1/2	...	Dec.	Int. 7 1/2% for 1931 Apr. 15, 31
H. K. Lands	50	...	...	...	Dec.	Int. 7 1/2% for 1931 Aug. 19, 31
Shanghai Lands	...	...	9 1/2	...	Dec.	Int. 7 1/2% for 1931 July 30, 31
Humphreys (old)	18	...	...	...	Dec.	Int. 7 1/2% for 1931 Feb. 24, 31
(new)	17 1/2	...	...	...	Dec.	Int. 7 1/2% for 1931 Sept. 1, 31
H. K. Realities	11 1/2	...	...	...	Feb.	Int. 7 1/2% for 1931 July 28, 31
Calcutta Estates	95	...	...	...	...	...
Cotton Mills.						
Ewo Cotton	15 1/2	...	...	...	Dec.	Int. 7 1/2% for 1931 Mar. 12, 31
Shanghai Cotton	...	...	55	...	Apr. and Oct.	Int. 7 1/2% for half year 51-10-31 Dec. 1, 31
Zong Sing	...	...	12	...	June	Int. 7 1/2% for year 29-6-31 Oct. 8, 31
Public Utilities.						
H. K. Tramways	21 1/2	...	...	...	Dec.	Int. 7 1/2% for 1931 Aug. 25, 31
Peak Tram (old)	10 1/2	...	...	...	Apr.	Int. 7 1/2% for year 29-6-31 June 15, 31
(new)	10 1/2	...	...	...	...	...
Star Ferry	90 1/2	...	90 1/2	...	Dec.	Int. 7 1/2% for 1931 Feb. 15, 31
Yamato Ferry	...	...	20	...	Dec.	Int. 7 1/2% for 1931 June 28, 31
China Light	...	...	28 1/2	...	Sept.	Int. 7 1/2% for 1931 Dec. 15, 31
H. K. Electric	79 1/2	...	...	...	Dec.	Int. 7 1/2% for 1931 Mar. 18, 31
Matco	...	...	98	...	Dec.	...
Sandakan Lights	...	...	12	...	June	None
H. K. Tel. fully paid	48	...	...	...	Dec.	Int. 7 1/2% for 1931 Aug. 4, 31
China Buses	45 1/2	...	20	...	Dec.	Int. 7 1/2% for 1931 Feb. 25, 31
S'por Tractors (Ord.)	...	...	4 1/2	...	Sept.	Int. 7 1/2% for 1931 Feb. 6, 31
(Pref.)	...	...	19 1/2	...	...	Subject to income tax
Industrials.						
China Sugars	...	...	20 1/2	...	Dec.	Int. 7 1/2% for 1931 Mar. 4, 31
Malayan Sugars	...	...	30	...	Dec.	Int. 7 1/2% for 1931 Mar. 4, 31
Coldr. Magg. Ord.	...	...	14	...	Dec.	Int. 7 1/2% for 1931 Mar. 21, 31
Cement Co. (old)	...	...	10 1/2	...	Dec.	Int. 7 1/2% for 1931 Oct. 9, 31
Cement Co. (new)	...	...	10	...	July	Int. 7 1/2% for 1931 Oct. 9, 31
H. K. Ropes	...	...	18 1/2	...	Dec.	Int. 7 1/2% for 1931 Mar. 27, 31
Stores, &c.						
Dairy Farms	20	...	...	...	Dec.	Int. 7 1/2% for 1931 Mar. 18, 31
Watsons	...	...	10 40	...	Oct.	Int. 7 1/2% for year 31-10-30 Mar. 18, 31
Der A Wings	...	...	1	...	...	...
Lane Crawford (old)	...	...	...	...	Feb.	Last dividend for year 28-2-30
(new)	...	...	...	...	Feb.	Int. 7 1/2% for 1931 Apr. 30, 31
Mackintosh	...	...	19	...	Feb.	Int. 7 1/2% for 1931 June 17, 31
Sincera	...	...	16 1/2	...	Feb.	Int. 7 1/2% for year 28-2-31
Wm. Powell	...	...	8 60	...	...	...
Miscellaneous.						
H. K. Amusement	20	...	10 90	...	Mar.	Int. 7 1/2% for year 51-5-31 Sept. 30, 31
C. Entertainment (old)	...	...	17 1/2	...	...	...
(new)	...	...	16	...	...	...
Soo. Ch. Enterprises	10	...	...	...	...	...
H. K. C'rtions (old)	...	...	5 80	...	Dec.	Int. 7 1/2% for 1931 Apr. 23, 31
(new)	...	...	1 85	...	...	...
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1932.			
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*KARMA	5,700	4th Jan.	Strait, Colombo & Bombay.
*KARMA	9,000	16th Jan.	Marseilles, London, Havre & A'werp.
*CHITRAL	15,000	18th Jan.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
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RAJPUTANA	17,000	26th Mar.	Marseilles & London.
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1933.			
CORFU	15,000	9th Apr.	Marseilles & London.
RAWALPINDI	17,000	23rd Apr.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
RANPURA	17,000	7th May	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
CHITRAL	15,000	21st May	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
RANCHI	17,000	4th June	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
NALDERA	16,000	18th June	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
KAISAR-I-HIND	12,000	2nd July	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
RAJPUTANA	17,000	16th July	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
MANTUA	11,000	30th July	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
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1892.			
CHITRAL	15,000	1st Jan.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
TALMA	10,000	1st Jan.	Amoy, Sh'hai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
NELLORE	7,000	4th Jan.	Sh'hai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Y'hama.
*KALYAN	9,000	9th Jan.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
TAKADA	7,000	15th Jan.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
KASHMIR	9,000	15th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
*SOUDAN	8,800	28th Jan.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
NALDERA	16,000	29th Jan.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
TANDA	7,000	5th Feb.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
CARTHAGE	15,000	12th Feb.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
*BURDWAN	6,500	21st Feb.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
RAJPUTANA	17,000	26th Feb.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
CORFU	15,000	11th Mar.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
RAWALPINDI	17,000	24th Mar.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
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RANPURA	17,000	7th Apr.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
CHITRAL	15,000	21st Apr.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
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"This is one of the most lamentable disasters which has ever occurred to a vessel sailing from the Humber port," said Mr. Saxelby, solicitor for the Board of Trade, in opening the inquiry at Hull into the loss of the steamer Calder, of Goole, while on a voyage from Hamburg to Hull in April last. Eighteen men perished in the disaster.

The Calder was owned by the London Midland and Scottish Railway Company, and was a new ship brought into commission in November last year.

Mr. Saxelby said she was carrying mixed cargo, and the question would arise as to deck cargo of some two hundred bags of potatoes. The marine superintendent for the owners had stated that the master was given an absolutely free hand so far as cargo was concerned, and that officers of the company were not encouraged to load the vessels to full capacity, but to consider the safety of the ship and crew first.

Pilots' Remark.

The pilot who brought the Calder down the River Elbe noticed when he gave orders to port and starboard that the ship heeled so much that it made him wary. He thought there was too much deck cargo, and passed a remark to the master, Captain Sutherby, whose reply was to the effect: "I might have a little too much but I hope to have a good passage."

The Calder, added Mr. Saxelby, was never seen again after leaving the Elbe, but subsequently wreckage was picked up. Theories that the Calder collided with a dredger which broke adrift in the North Sea during a gale which prevailed at the time or that she encountered a derelict mine were not sustained by inquiries which had been made.

Ernest Sutton, designer, of Cammel, Laird, and Co., Birkenhead, builders of the vessel, said he had examined the wreckage, and he considered that boats and a portion of the navigating bridge recovered had been wrenched away by considerable external force. Consideration was given in the building of the Calder to the carrying of deck cargoes, and he did not think the deck cargo on her last voyage was abnormal.

STEAMERS' MOVEMENTS.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. Empress of Russia arrived at Manila on December 14 (Mon.) at 10 a.m., left Manila on December 14 (Mon.) at 6 p.m., and is due at Hong Kong on December 16 (Wed.) at 7 a.m. She leaves Hong Kong for Vancouver via ports on December 18 (Fri.) at 1 a.m.

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The striking growth of Britain's mercantile air-fleet is shown by details which are given in the recent annual report of Imperial Airways, Limited. Seven years ago, when the company was formed by the merging of the four then existing air transport organisations, the fleet taken over comprised fifteen aircraft with engines developing a total of 7,570 h.p. Of these machines eleven were of the single-engine type, the remaining four each being driven by two engines.

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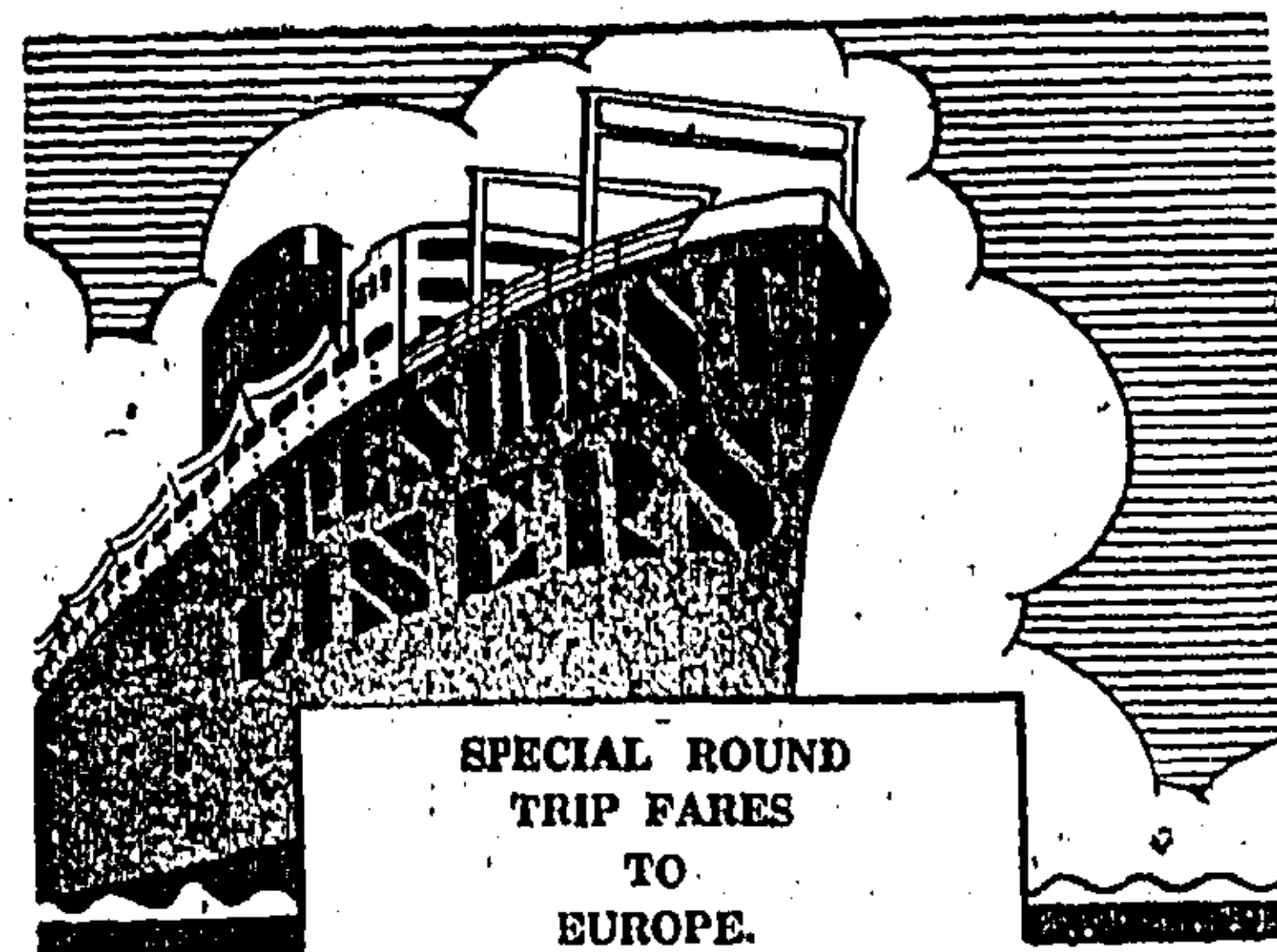
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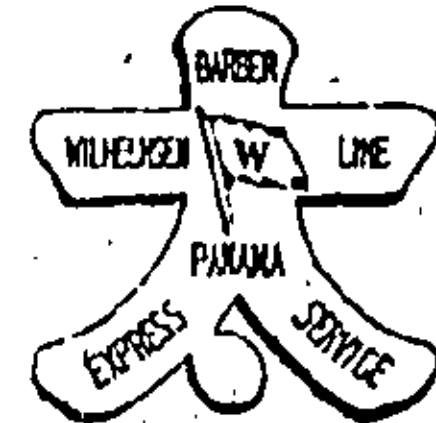
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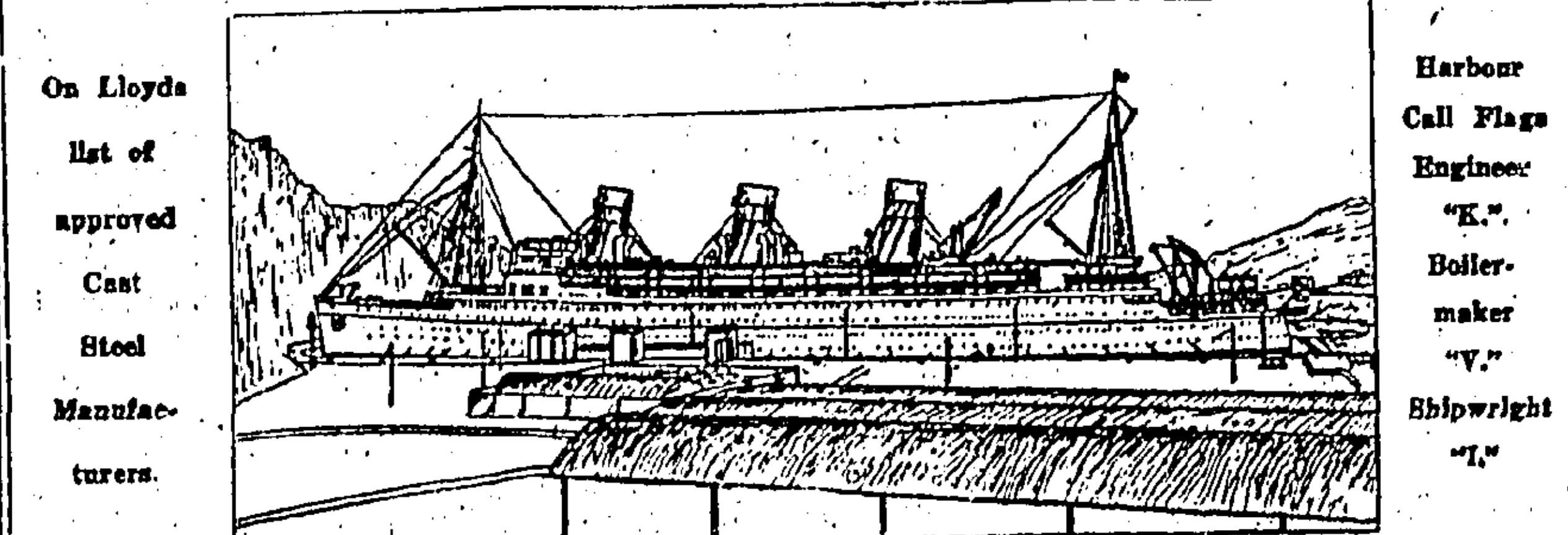
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I am quite sure that familiarity
with the accustomed operation of
the radio can never entirely dull for
us its wonder, its romance, and its
mystery. Yet it is not the fasci-
nating phases of it which I venture
to talk over with you to-night, but
rather the hardly less important
growth of its newer business as-
pects. Let me get rid of some
figures first—to get an idea of the
surprising dimension of this still
youthful prodigy of modern indus-
try.

My friend Martin Codel, whose
recent book "Radio and Its Future"
has become a standard text in the
field, "estimates that the American
radio industry has retailed more
than \$3,000,000,000 worth of receiv-
ing sets, tubes and parts during the
first decade of radio broadcasting."
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invested in the much more venera-
ble, widespread soft coal mining
industry; and it also equals that
invested in national shipping and
cannals.

A Husky Lad.
So this 10-year-old youngster is.
To say the least, an amazingly
husky lad with lots of prom-
ise. That was a decade
of fantastic confusion, be-
wilderingly swift advances of radio
technology, millions made and lost
overnight, hectic promotion schemes
—but with it all, a net gain scarce-
ly to be matched by any other in-
dustry in a similar brief span of
years.

In fact, it is probable that, as an
industry, radio has only half grown,
if that. Just at this time the pos-
sibility of its expansion has a lot
to do with the recovery of business.
Here is the reason: After each
serious business depression of mod-
ern times, the opening and devel-
opment of some new industry has
contributed markedly to the restora-
tion of prosperity. After the col-
lapse of the 1870's, it was the rapid
growth of our railway network
which supplied the stimulus for
speeding recovery. In the early
90's came the expansion of the
bicycle industry. After the 1907
slump, and particularly after that
of 1921, it was that amazing young
giant, the automobile business
which helped take up the business
slack. To-day, clambering as we
are up from the 1930-31 chasm in
the business curve, it would not be
at all unlikely that new household
electrical specialties like the radio
may supply the extra spark plugs to
accelerate the industrial machine
for the upward climb.

Only Half Grown.
I said you could label this indus-
try as only half grown; let me offer
you some data to prove it. The
Census Bureau is just finishing up
the first national count of your
radio sets. Preliminary figures show
that about 10,000,000 homes, only
one third of all those in the coun-
try, have been equipped for radio
reception. So we have a long way
to go before that far-off point of sa-
turation is reached, though I grant
that in walking down the streets
these warm summer evenings, you
get the impression of a 100 per cent.
saturation of the ether waves; you
are tempted to believe that every
single house has not only its quota
of one set but a whole flock or lit-
ter or swarm or whatever it is that
radio sets come in.

Here is an interesting fact
brought out by these new figures—
the radio sets are most irregularly
distributed. Little Rhode Island
has 57 per cent of its homes equip-
ped, and her neighbour, Connecti-
cut, almost the same. In Wiscon-
sin and Michigan, sets are found in
about 51 per cent of all homes,
while in Iowa the figure
runs above 48. In South
Dakota 44, and in Nebraska
47 per cent. But in some of our
other States homes with radio ser-
vice number as little as 5 or 6 per
cent of the total. Perhaps their
people are waiting till the sets get
better, or the programmes improve,

or some of the present radio speak-
ers and announcers die off! These
figures resemble strikingly those of
the early days of automobile own-
ership, and I think we can look for
industrial history to repeat itself.
These gaps will be closed up, and
with 20 million homes still there
as a potential market, to say
nothing of replacements, extra sets,
portables, etc., there still seems to
be a broad market here at home,
even without considering the enor-
mous field abroad.

Potential Market.
And there are a billion people in
the whole world within the range
of broadcasting stations now estab-
lished. That is the potential mar-
ket. On the basis of five listeners
to every set, it would require 200-
000,000 sets to provide facilities for
all of them to tune in the pro-
grammes available. That is about
eight times the present supply. And
new stations are constantly being
put up, as well. One short-wave
transmitter of great power is work-
ing away out in Kenya, in what
used to be Darkest Africa. And
then there are those millions of
motor cars, some of which, at least
ought to be—shall I say "serviced
with static"?—to drown out their
squawks.

Mr. Joy Elmer Morgan, editor of
the Journal of the National Educa-
tion Association, certainly not an
extravagantly minded periodical,
makes the prediction that individ-
ual radio receivers for each mem-
ber of the family will be with us
soon, and points out that the use of
the instruments in education is only
beginning. Millions of youngsters
will presently be having some por-
tion of their lessons from nation-
ally famous master teachers.

Overseas Popularity.
We can test as well the growing
overseas popularity of radio by the
recent increase in its exports. You
know, of course, that international
business in general has been woof-
fully cut into by depression this
year; most of our manufacturers
lost 40 or 50 per cent. of their nor-
mal export volume. Yet in the first
quarter of 1931, the number of new
American radio sets marketed
abroad was 70,000 against 41,000
in the same period last
year. The world is obviously
supplying itself with a new kind of
luxury which is due to become al-
most a necessity. Probably 26-
000,000 sets are now in service all
round the globe. Nearly half of
them are here, a quarter are in
England, Germany, and France
taken together, and the rest are
spread from Cape Horn to Kamchat-
ka. But of course the best way to
estimate the popularity of radio in
any region is to figure out the sets
in operation in proportion to popu-
lation. In this respect, Denmark,
with 63 sets for each thousand peo-
ple, is second to the United States
with its 83 per thousand, and
Sweden shows an almost equal in-
terest with 60 per thousand.

With a young industry such as
this, it would be natural to expect
a swift succession of startling new
developments in its early stages.
And so we have in prospect the per-
fection of television—the time when
the radio will bring its message
to the eye as well as the ear. It
is still far from perfect, of course,
and I do not want to get myself too
far into its scientific problems, but
the experts tell me that within a
year or two the display of current
events in vision and sound will be
rather generally practicable. So
many unbelievable things have
come true that it takes a lot of nerve
to challenge the promise of such
new wonders.

Broadcasting Industry.

This brings me to the other side
of the radio picture—the broad-
casting industry. We have in the
United States now 600 radio broad-
casting stations. What a growth
in this brief period of a little over
ten years! It was only on the night
of November 2, 1920, that the first
radio station went on the air with
many sputters and crackles, to give
the Harding-Cox election results to
a band of valiant souls (about 25,
I am told) frantically jiggling their
ear phones and crystal sets.

And now the provision of prop-
grammes and power for the broad-
casting end of the industry alone,
to say nothing of your receiving
sets, entails an annual expenditure
in the United States of \$100,000,000.
This amazing feverish growth
makes us consider very seriously
one vital phase of the industry,
namely, the advantages of Ameri-
can traditional insistence upon in-
dividual freedom and initiative. In
most other countries, radio broad-
casting is a government monopoly,

sustained usually by some form of
special license tax on receiving sets.
But the development of advertising
as an inherent feature of all our
commerce has planted an institu-
tion, which sustains itself, without
the stultifying influence of bureau-
cratic control so common elsewhere.
Our idea seems to be that there is
no more warrant for a government
radio system in the United States
than there is for a government-con-
trolled chain of newspapers all over
the country.

Co-operation.
Our ready adaptability to co-
operation has enabled us to have
the advantages of broadcasting sets,
works, and at the same time to pre-
serve the advantages of indivi-
duality and difference. And the in-
come available to the broadcasting
industry demonstrates the final
point. Sir John Reith, director of
the British Broadcasting Corpora-
tion, which conducts the English
governmental monopoly, estimates
that he has an annual budget of
\$7,000,000 to provide radio enter-
tainment and education for the en-
tire British nation. Compare that
with the \$150,000,000 which is an-
nually laid out for us American lis-
teners.

It will not take you long to figure
out what that means in programme
quality and variety; because it
stands to reason that broadcasting,
here or abroad, can develop only to
the extent its financial foundation
allows. These bright young men
and women who make our broad-
casting stations such business-like
and at the same time pleasant
places to be around doubtless be-
come attached to their batteries or
microphones or trombones or other
playthings, but we could hardly ex-
pect them to carry on day after day
and night after night solely—shall
I say—for the love of "mike"—as
they affectionately call this preci-
ous object. They do require pro-
ceries—which means pay envelopes.
That is where the \$150,000,000 a
year comes in.

Now in spite of the alleged great-
er stress laid by the British and
German Government broadcasting
monopolies on educational matter,
in spite of the assistance which the
Russian Soviet gets from radio in
its determined domination of the
minds of its citizens, I think none
of us would want to see the service
in the United States take the form
that has been imposed upon radio
abroad. At best, the Government
al systems lean to heaviness and
lack of variety in programmes;
while at worst, they degenerate—
unconsciously or otherwise—to pro-
paganda mechanisms dragging the
popular mind with pet ideas of
some controlling bureaucracy.

Bored With Lessons.

The only handicap alleged
against our system is the necessity
of the listener's "considering cer-
tain parts of his anatomy," or being
bored with a lesson on skin treat-
ment or the recital of the virtues
of some new noiseless alarm clock.
Now that objection is one that can
be taken too seriously; because it
does not take long these days
for a sponsor of a bore-
some programme to find out
by skillful samplings of listener-
interest that he is wasting his
money on an audience that has
walked out on him. American ad-
vertisers are perpetually under
competitive fire which tends to cor-
rect costly errors of that kind.

Radio presents a great field, over
which I must skip rather rapidly
in the time which is allotted me.
You all remember how last month,
President Hoover, struggling with
the German crisis, was able to
utilize the facilities of the radio
telephone, never losing touch with
his assistants in Paris and London
who conducted the difficult and de-
licate negotiation—which would
probably have been almost impos-
sible without radio.

Marvellous Services.

Instances of its marvellous ser-
vice are innumerable. An Ameri-
can banker in London recently on
an important financial mission
needed to get honoured a cheque for
\$1,000,000. There was no copy of
his signature in Europe; banks are
naturally careful about the pay-
ment of so large a sum. When the
situation was explained over the
trans-Atlantic radio telephone, an
authentic copy of his signature was
transmitted by radio, and the cheque
was duly paid. A ship at sea,
an accident which necessitated the
replacement of one of its mechani-
cal parts. Plans of the ship were
in Britain; but the blueprint de-
sign for construction was radioed
across the ocean, and by the time

the vessel limped into the Delaware
River, a new section was ready for
immediate installation. The air-
plane on voyage to-day is never out
of touch of ground, is fully apprised
of weather, work, and course by
the radio beacons and messages.

Amateurs at Work.

Do you know of the Radio Relay
League, that organization of ama-
teurs, thousands of whom are work-
ing their own telegraph and tele-
phone sending and receiving sta-
tions, exchanging messages clear
around the world in their own code?
We hear only once in a while of
their wonderful, extemporized feats
of communication. It is never
going to be possible in the future
for disaster to cut off appreciable
groups of human people from the
help of others again. No matter
what stress of storm, flood, fire, or
earthquake it is which breaks wires
and cables as it overwhelms habita-
tions and wastes wide areas, the
amateur station is always to be
found, surviving somehow, manned
by boys not alone willing and eager,
but expertly able to take up the
burden of restoring emergency com-
munication, recounting the tale of
damage, and guiding the efforts of
salvage and restoration.

The radio is certainly putting
into history another exhibition of
all that is admirable in human in-
tellect and character, which reveals
men dreaming of ways to break the
bonds of space and time, of striving
to make dreams come true, until in
the outcome we have their success
enriching the lives of all mankind.

One-Way Talk.

My own appreciation of that ac-
complishment is high just now.
Because of it I have been able to
make chat with you of the radio au-
dience in informal fashion—free of
all the starchy limitations which
hedge about a lecture platform—
permitted to share the friendly in-
timacy of your homes, perhaps to
join you momentarily by the glow-
ing campfires of your Summer vaca-
tion, or in less happy surroundings,
the drug-scented wards of hospitals
—even, according to some of your
letters, behind the grim steel bars
of prison cells. One short-coming
it has had, from my point of view;
—the talk has been all one way.
Perhaps that is just as well for me,
since you can not throw anything
during which I have been permitted
to meet you weekly with these little
talks, but I have never ceased to be
awed at the magic of this device.
To-night, I am signing off the air
for a few weeks, grateful for your
considerate attention and hopeful
of opportunity to meet you all again
next Autumn.

IT IS THE CUSTOM!

Entertaining Habit
That Becomes A Tax.

(By Margery Kaye.)

The circular letters which have
been received by Army and Air
Force officers stationed in India,
suggesting a drastic cutting
down of their entertainment ex-
penses, will come as a relief to
many. The standard of living
maintained by officers stationed
abroad has always been pain-
fully and unnecessarily high.
Hospitality, in the East,
means keeping an open house.
The higher the rank of the offi-
cial, the more lavish he is ex-
pected to be with his meals, his
spare bedrooms, and his drinks.
This ruling, on the surface,
seems fair enough, for naturally
a man's pay increases with his
seniority.

On the other hand, a senior
man has greater domestic obliga-
tions than a junior officer. By
the time he is a colonel he proba-
bly has children at home at
school and sons and daughters
to launch on their careers. He
has therefore got to maintain
two homes, one in Britain, as
well as that in India.

Nobody who has not "lived in
India has the faintest idea of the
amount of entertaining that goes
on there. At home we are more
or less free to limit our hospita-
lity to our friends. In an Indian
station everybody knows every-
one else. Every single person in
an Army cantonment must be
invited to a senior officer's house.
A high standard of life is main-
tained. The number of courses
and the amount of wines that are
served during dinner are rigid
rules laid down in pre-war days,
and still maintained, in spite of
the changes of custom that have
taken place in Britain.

High Standard of Living.

A General and his wife give at
least two dinner parties a week
and innumerable luncheons.

POLICE RESERVE.

Orders for the Current
Week.

FLYING SQUAD'S PATROL.

Orders by the Hon. Mr. E. D. C.
Wolfe, C.M.G., Inspector-General
of Police, are as under:—
Chinese Company.

Training Course—Part II.—All
recruits will attend at the Chin-
ese Company's Headquarters, to-
day at 5.30 p.m. for instruction.
Training Course—Part I.—All
recruits of the Chinese Company
will attend Central Police Station
for Squad Drill on Thursday at
5.30 p.m.

N.C.O.s Class.—All N.C.O.s will
attend the Chinese Company's
Headquarters on Friday at 4 p.m.
for instruction under Mr. Pater-
son, P.P.T.S.

Indian Company.

Promotions.—Lance Sergeant
R202 M. Abdullah has been ap-
pointed Crown Sergeant with effect
from December 1.

Constables R204 Abdul Karim
and R222 Hardit Singh have been
appointed Lance Sergeants with
effect from December 1.

Training Course—Parts II.—
Constable R263 R. Salim has been
passed out as efficient in Part II
of Training Course (Knowledge of
Police Duties and Regulations).

Training Course—Part II.—All
members who have not passed
Part II of Training Course should
attend at the Chinese Company's
Headquarters, 17, Queen's Road
Central on Thursday at 5.30 p.m.

Inspection Parade.—All ranks of
the Indian Company will parade
at Central Police Station on
Wednesday, December 23, for a
general inspection of equipment
etc. by the Company Commander.
Fall in at 5.30 p.m. a sharp, under
P./Sgt. R. J. Hunt. Dress—Blue
uniform, cap with white cover,
—even, according to some of your
letters, behind the grim steel bars
of prison cells. One short-coming
it has had, from my point of view;
—the talk has been all one way.
Perhaps that is just as well for me,
since you can not throw anything
during which I have been permitted
to meet you weekly with these little
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To-night, I am signing off the air
for a few weeks, grateful for your
considerate attention and hopeful
of opportunity to meet you all again
next Autumn.

Flying Squad.

Strength.—Constable R324
Harry Chan has been on the
strength of the Flying Squad and
posted to the Hong Kong Section,
as from December 12, 1931.

The final instructional patrol
of the year of the Hong
Kong Section will take place
on Friday. All members
should attend. No members may
be absent from this patrol without
leave from the Company Com-
mander. Fall in at Central Police
Station at 5.15 p.m. sharp. Dress
—Winter uniform and cap with
white cover.

Sharpshooters Company.

Defendu. Class.—All members
wishing to join the Defendu Class
must send their names in the O.
/c. Co. before December 18.
(Sgd.) D. L. KING D.S.P. (R.).

Strangers to the station are al-
ways sure of finding their bed
and board at his house. Junior
officers are expected, almost as
a duty, to drop in after polo and
other games at sundown, when
drinks are circulated.

The General has large mess
subscriptions and heavy Club
dues, as he and his wife usually
attend all the dances and Club
entertainments. If his wife is
forced to go to the hills in Sum-
mer she must maintain a high
standard of living there, while
his expenses continue in the
plains. More than one of these
couples have confessed that
they were so heavily in debt that
they were at their wits' end to
know how to meet their chil-
dren's school bills and to take a
short home leave. If asked
why they persisted in carrying
on this senseless system of en-
tertaining all and sundry, they
invariably reply in that famous
and irritating Indian phrase: "It
is the custom."

The young married captain
finds hospitality proportionately
difficult.
People at home living on simi-
lar pay would probably keep a
general servant, but the exigen-
cies of the Indian climate and
the stern rules of caste prevent
any one servant from doing all
the work, or the lady of the house
from doing her share of the
household chores. Labour now-
adays is not so very cheap in
India.

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LINGERIE (LATEST DESIGNS)
LOUNGING PYJAMAS.

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ARCADE
PENINSULA HOTEL,
KOWLOON.
TEL. 58081.

The China Mail.

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Properly diluted it is delightful to taste and
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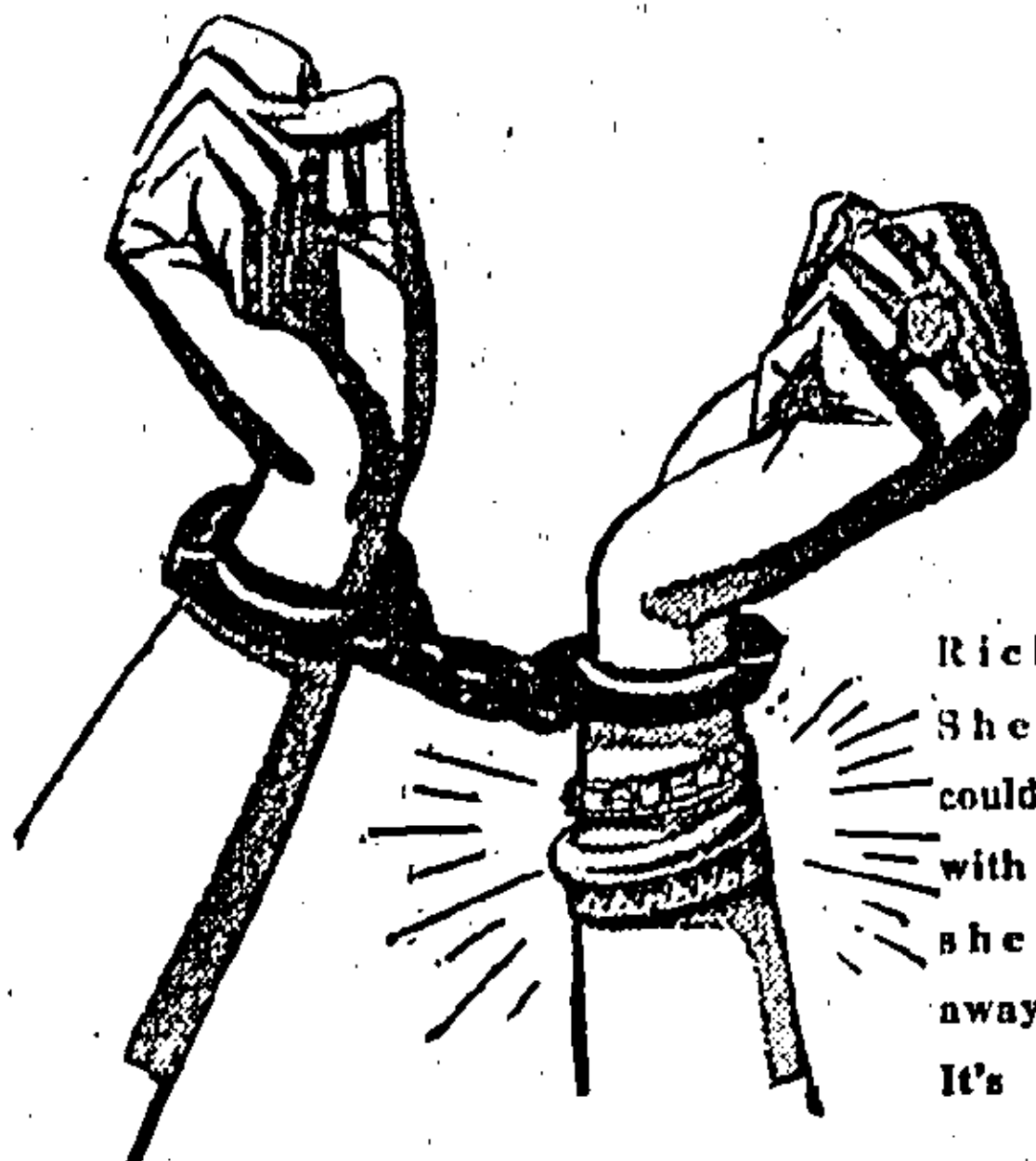
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THE YEAR'S DRAMATIC SENSATION!

THE LEADING ROLE IN

"THE SMILING LIEUTENANT"

THE TREMENDOUS LOVE DRAMA THAT
THRILLED THE NATION! GREATER ON
THE TALKING SCREEN!

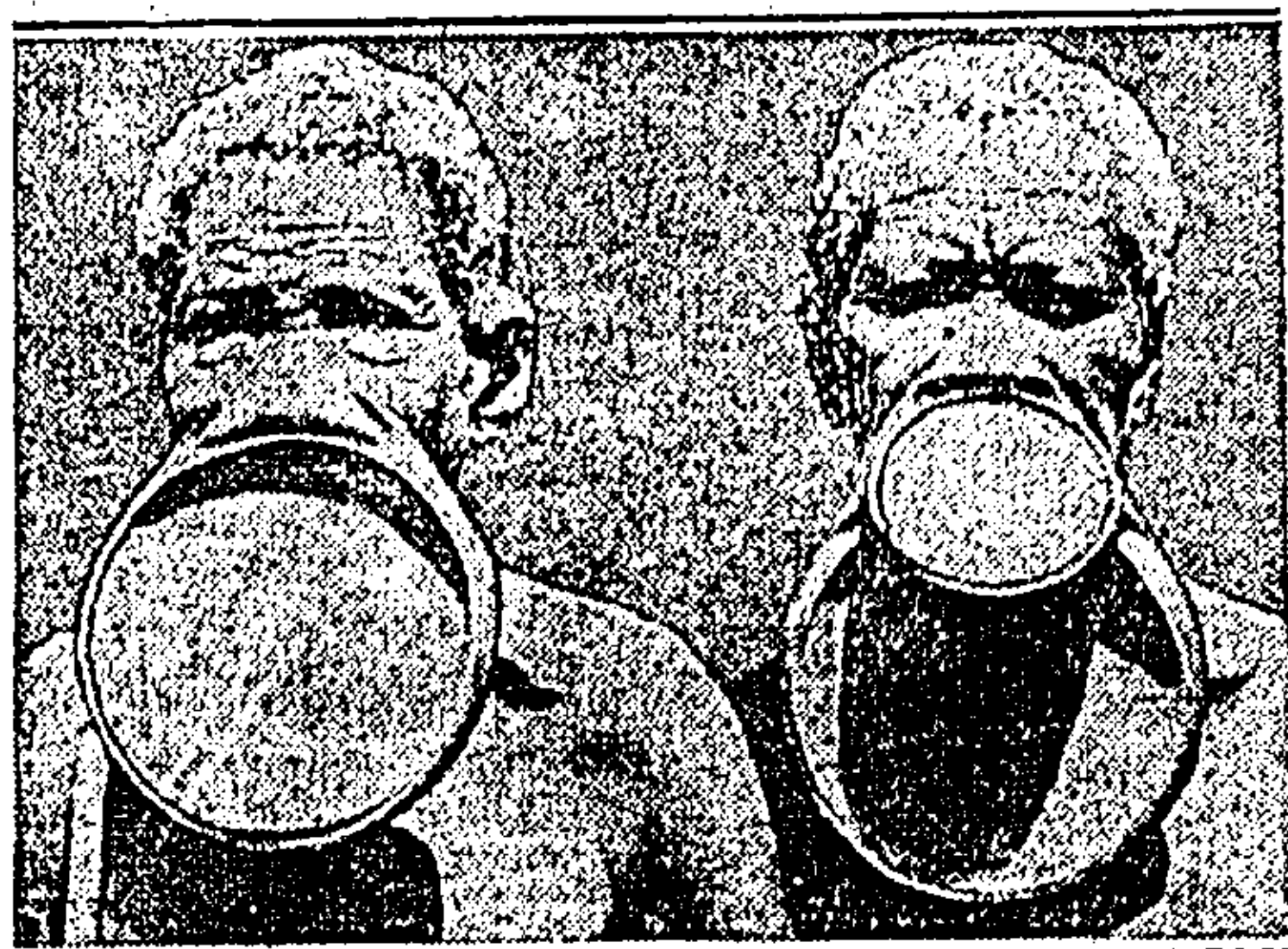


Rich! Beautiful
She thought she
could get away
with anything—but
she couldn't get
away with murder!
It's

"MANSLAUGHTER"

with Claudette Colbert and Fredric March. A Paramount Picture

COMMENCING TO-MORROW



DISC-LIPPED 'UBANGI' WOMEN SHOWN IN 'AFRICA SPEAKS'
A COLUMBIA PICTURE

COMING ATTRACTION!

THEY had
Nothing to
Fear But
MONEY!

**Mother's
MILLIONS**



ROYAL FAMILY AND CHRISTMAS.

To Be Spent at
Sandringham.

PRINCES' VISITS.

Rugby, Yesterday.
The King and Queen will leave
Buckingham Palace on Decem-
ber 23 to celebrate Christmas at
Sandringham in traditional man-
ner in the company of their chil-
dren and grandchildren.
It is expected the Prince of
Wales and Prince George will fly
to Sandringham from the Prince's
Home at Sunningdale, while the
Duke of Gloucester may fly from
Tidworth where he is serving
with the Second Cavalry Brigade.
—British Wireless Service.

COMMERCIAL DEBTS OF GERMANY.

Herr Hitler Outlines
His Policy.

AMITY WITH FRANCE.

Berlin, Saturday.
That a National Socialist Gov-
ernment would honour Germany's
private commercial debts, was em-
phatically stated to-day by Herr
Hitler in an interview with British
newspaper correspondents, in
which he briefly outlined the basic
political and economic principles
which would guide such a Govern-
ment.

As regards foreign policy, Herr
Hitler declared that it would be
based on a complete understanding
with France, whose nature, how-
ever, he did not specify.

Concerning Germany's commer-
cial relations with other countries,
Herr Hitler forecast a high tariff
on foreign food and the reduction
of all other imports to an absolute-
ly essential minimum, because it
tended to undermine the nation's
wealth and created unemployment.

Private Debts.
Reports that Germany contem-
plated the proclamation of a mor-
atorium on her private debts to
foreign creditors were vigorously
denied here in official quarters. It
was stated that these reports,
which led to a heavy slump in
German bonds on the New York
stock exchange yesterday, must be
attributed to the machinations of
international speculators.

Furthermore it was pointed out
that these reports and the fact that
they were circulated on Wall Street
contrasted strangely with the op-
timistic commentaries on Ger-
many's financial situation which
had recently been published by
various leading New York journals.
—Transocean Kuomin.

THE GIANT CURNARD.

Rugby, Yesterday.
One hundred Clydeside ship-
rights have been retained to keep
in order the hull of the giant
Curnard pending resumption of
work upon her. Hopes are ex-
pressed that this may be possi-
ble within a few months. —Brit-
ish Wireless Service.

LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

Opens with a Quiet
Undertone.

SETTLEMENT INFLUENCE.

The official summary issued by
the Stock Exchange to-day states:
The market opened this morning
with a quiet undertone, probably due
to Settlement influences.

Sales.
Banks, \$1,500.
Star Ferries, \$96½/\$97¼.
Cements (combined), \$19.
Hotels (old), \$15.
Hotels (new), \$14.60.
Telephones (part paid), \$26.
Amusements, \$19.90.

Buyers.
Unions, \$490.
Providents (old), \$5.15.
Providents (new), \$2.35.
Humphreys (old), \$18.
Chinese Estates, \$95.
Trams, \$21.20.
H.K. Electric, \$78½.
Telephones (fully paid), \$43.
Telephones (part paid), \$25½.
Dairy Farms, \$29.
H.K. Amusements, \$20.
Star Ferries, \$96¼.
Rauhs, \$42.
Hotels (new), \$14.60.
H.K. Lands, \$80.
H.K. Realities, \$11¼.
Ewos, Fla. 15½.
Peak Trams (old), \$15¼.
Peak Trams (new), \$6¼.
Canton Ice, \$5¼.
Cements (combined), \$18¾.
Lane, Crawford's (old), \$5¼.
H.K. Government Loan, \$2¼ per
cent. premium.

Sellers.
China Lights, \$28¼.
Constructions (new), \$1.85.
S.C. Enterprises, \$10.
Venezuelan Goldfields, \$2.

CLEARER LATER.

The Royal Observatory's re-
port issued this morning states:
The anticyclone is central to
the East of Tokyo, moving
E.N.E.

Forecast: — N. E. winds,
moderate; overcast at first,
clearing later.

Rainfall.
Rainfall for 24 hours end-
ed at 10 a.m. to-day—0.01 inch.
Total since January 1, 79.98
inches against an average of
82.50 inches — deficit 2.52
inches.

Temperature.
The temperature at certain
specified centres this morning
at 6 o'clock was:—
Hong Kong 59
Macao 56
Pratas Island 74
Fochow 54
Chefoo 32
Shanghai 40
Manila 72

DR. SZE UNWELL.

Paris, Yesterday.
Doctors have ordered Dr.
Alfred Sze complete rest. He
has since been admitted to hos-
pital, but the address is at pre-
sent secret.

MYSTERY OF GENERAL KUTIEPOV.

Russian General Carried
to Villa.

THIRD DECREE APPLIED.

Paris, Saturday.
The Kutieпов mystery was again
revived to-day by a report that the
police had discovered a new clue
to its solution and was conducting
an extensive search in Fontaine
Bleau where the remains of the
general are said to have been in-
terred in the cellar of a villa.

According to the report which
has created a good deal of sensa-
tion here, the new clue has been
furnished by a convict named Col-
lin who is serving a long sentence
for robbery. Collin recently in-
formed the authorities that he was
able to throw some light on the
mystery of the general's disap-
pearance. At first it was thought
that Collins merely wanted to break
the monotony of prison life by con-
necting a story and being brought
to Paris to be questioned about it.
When, however, some of the details
furnished by Collins filled in with
information already in the posses-
sion of the police, the authorities
took notice and Collins was really
brought to Paris and subjected to
a searching examination.

From what has hitherto been re-
vealed, it appears that before his
arrest Collins lived together with
a Russian dancer who had once ad-
mitted to him that she knew a man
who had assisted in the kidnapping
of General Kutieпов. The general,
it is asserted, was then carried off
to a villa in Fontaine Bleau, whose
exact location the dancer did not
learn. In this villa the general is
said to have been held prisoner for
two weeks, steadfastly refusing to
reveal his secrets. In the end his
captors are alleged to have resorted
to third degree methods, finally
strangling their victim who was
buried in the cellar of the villa.
—Transocean Kuomin.

KINGSFORD-SMITH.

Expected at Croydon
To-day.

AUSTRALIAN MAILS.

Rugby, Yesterday.
Air Commodore Kingsford-
Smith, who is flying with Christ-
mas mails from Australia, post-
poned his departure from Lyons
to-day owing to bad weather and
hopes to arrive at Croydon to-
morrow. He will be officially
welcomed by representatives of
the Dominions Office and the Air
Ministry. — British Wireless
Service.

The old gentleman's wife was
getting into a carriage, and he
neglected to assist her. "You are
not so gallant, John, as when you
were a boy," she exclaimed, in
gentle rebuke.
"No, my dear," was the ready
response, "and you are not so
buoyant as when you were a girl!"

AMUSEMENTS

AT THE
QUEEN'S SHOWING TO-DAY
At 2.30, 5.10, 7.15 & 9.20.
HE'LL TEACH YOU HOW TO MAKE
LOVE: YOU MUST MEET

The Great LOVER

with
Adolphe
Menjou
Irene
Dunne



SPECIAL ADDED ATTRACTIONS—

'BIG' BILL TILDEN
in
"Tennis Technique"

LAUREL and HARDY
in
"Our Wife"

NEXT CHANGE



WARNER BROS.
Present
**MONTE
BLUE
and
LUPE
VELEZ**

He always got his
man—until he met
this siren of the
wilderness!

**Tiger
Rose**

AT THE **STAR** TO-DAY & TO-MORROW
AT 2.30, 5.20, 7.20 & 9.20.

ROUGH ROMANCE

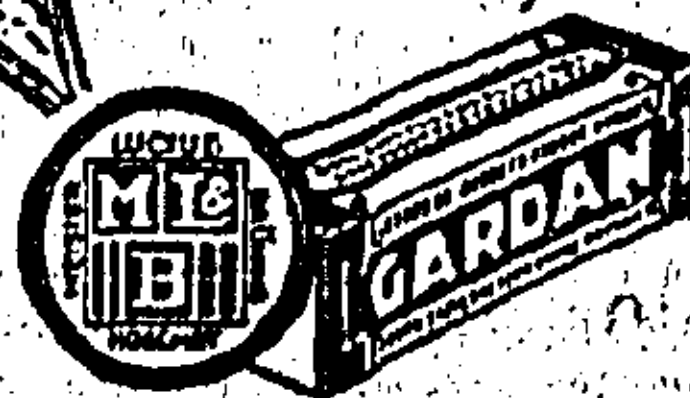
with
GEORGE
O'BRIEN



Always have **GARDAN** in the house!

In the tropics pain and illness are particularly liable to
appear suddenly. In headache, toothache, neuralgia, rheu-
matism, sciatica, lumbago, muscular pains, and above all
in fever and its accompanying symptoms, **GARDAN**
is of definite value.

When you are out of sorts remember:



GARDAN
prevents and stops pain

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